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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### King Saud's Visit To America

THE King of Saudi Arabia has just concluded a short official visit to the United States. By the end of this week he will be heading home after a short stay in Spain. Inevitably it will be asked how does Saud now figure in the Arab complex — does his political comment of satisfaction with the Eisenhower doctrine on the Middle East foreshadow changes in his own allegiance or those of neighbouring states? Or were his remarks merely a courtesy to his gracious and effusive hosts, leaving him uncommitted to any of the three blocs vying for his affections.

The key word is "committed". Theoretically Marshal Bulganin could devise a Middle East doctrine similar to the one now being manhandled by critical Democrat Senators in Washington, invite the same distinguished monarch to Moscow and extract with very little difficulty a similar response from him. For it is not that Saud has a particular love for the United States or, for that matter, Russia; it is just that he is offered bread buttered both sides, why, when it does not turn him into an inveterate bread-eater, refuse it?

IRONICALLY the "butter" that America offers happens to be guns and allied equipment, it is said, to the value of \$50 million for the next five years. There is much confused thinking on the purpose of this aid and the American air base leased to Dhahran. One Washington report has it that Dhahran "forgets" a vital link in the ring of bases the United States has drawn around Russia to prevent an atomic attack on this country (America).

It is doubtful whether Saud would fully agree with this interpretation. A not other reason for armaments aid, for instance, is to provide backbone to Saudi Arabia's small military force which is incapable of resisting unaided any major incursion from abroad. Another consideration is American-owned oilfields in the desert kingdom. These demand adequate protection. The arrangement, Saud realises, is of mutual benefit. He may incur thereby the odium of more nationalistic neighbours like Egypt and Syria but he may fairly claim that he has sacrificed none of his independence, and his visit to Washington still leaves him free to make whatever friends he chooses.

THE effect of Saud's visit to America and the agreement reached is difficult to predict so far as other Arab states are concerned. It is possible that the Baghdad Pact powers will find more common ground with Saudi Arabia and that Egypt and Syria will find their newly-strengthened bonds with that country weakened by its refusal to be drawn into implacable opposition to President Eisenhower's new doctrine. Hussein of Jordan, now cutting ties with Britain, may take a cue from Saud and board a plane for Washington. Eisenhower has made it clear that for most Arab leaders he is prepared to unroll the red carpet.

Whatever the cost to British influence, any move that weakens Nasser's ability to sway the Middle East away from the West deserves welcome. This is a view that many British people may find hard to stomach but it is said in the belief that national prestige is today far less important than the international considerations involved in this area. If Mr. Eisenhower has managed to sway King Saud away from the forces of reckless nationalism he will deservedly earn widespread appreciation.

## RECORD LOW FEB TEMPERATURE: ICE ON PEAK AND IN N.T.

A record low February temperature of 36.3 degrees was registered at the Royal Observatory between 7 and 8 this morning, and in some parts of the New Territories there were patches of ice on the roads and in the paddy fields.

The previous lowest February temperature recorded by the Royal Observatory was 38.4 in 1901.

At Sek Kong there was a minimum temperature of 33.1 between 6 and 7

this morning, while at Kai Tak the thermometer dropped to 36.6. Thin films of ice in their water tanks were reported by the Peak station of Cable and Wireless and the receiving station of Reuters on Victoria Peak.

There were patches of ice on Route TWK during the early hours of the morning.

The sharp drop in temperature was accompanied by keen winds throughout the night.

Up to 5 a.m., winds averaged about 10 knots, with occasional gusts up to 18 knots. They became stronger after 5 o'clock, averaging about 16 knots, with maximum gusts of 25 knots.

The Royal Observatory predicted that the cold spell will persist for the next 24 hours after which the weather will begin to get warmer. Today, it was stated, the temperature will rise during the afternoon

because of the sunshine, but will drop sharply in the evening and during the night.

According to Communist newspapers here, snow fell in parts of Kwangtung during the past 48 hours, and the Chinese meteorological office predicted the thermometer would drop below freezing point in Canton today.

The lowest temperature recorded in Macao yesterday was 37 degrees.

## BOMBS KILL 11, INJURE 45 IN FOOTBALL STADIUM OUTRAGES

Algiers, Feb. 10.

Rebels bombed two jam-packed football stadiums here today, killing eleven spectators and wounding at least 45 more.

Then the infuriated French crowd in the Ruisseau municipal stadium attacked five Moslems and beat them to death.

A total of three time bombs were exploded—two in the El Biar stadium and one in the municipal stadium. One of the bombs exploded in the washrooms of the El Biar stadium and injured no one. But the other two bombs were set off in the stands, sending shrapnel ripping through the tightly-packed spectators.

## 3 DROWNED FLEEING FROM POLICE

Johannesburg, Feb. 11. Three natives, fleeing from police who threatened to charge with fixed bayonets were drowned in a storm-flooded gully yesterday after residents of Newclare native township here attacked a police patrol, stabbing a native policeman in the neck and smashing a white policeman's collarbone.

A hospital spokesman said last night that the stabbed native constable was not expected to live.

Fifty policemen, 20 of whom were white men

armed with rifles, swept through the township in troop carriers after the natives attacked the patrol, which had raided the township in search of natives without passes.

Natives stoned the troop carriers and 500 natives surged out of a beer hall to block the road and halt the police vehicles.

The crowd dispersed when the police fired bayonets and prepared to charge. The police arrested 20 natives. —United Press.

Police said that an exact death and injury toll figure would not be possible until tomorrow because many of the wounded were carried off to private clinics in the area and to doctors' homes.

But they gave 11 dead and 45 wounded as their latest count. They expected that to rise. The two bombs at the El Biar stadium went off at 4.35 p.m., during halftime of the game between SCUEB and Racing Club of Algiers.

## Thousands Panic

The best available figures list one French woman, Miss Irene Ribbert, 21, as dead and 15 wounded. Others were injured in the panic which followed as thousands attempted to jam out of narrow exits while loud-speakers appealed for calm and called on actions in the crowd to hurry to the blast site.

Five of those wounded are in critical condition, officials said. As ambulances raced to the stadium with sirens screaming, a second blast rocked the municipal stadium in the Ruisseau section of the city only five minutes after the first two explosions. It came during the game between Guyotville and Gallia Sport of Algiers.

## Beaten To Death

There were ten killed and at least 30 wounded. Of the ten dead, five died after admission to nearby hospitals.

Officials were carrying out a phone check of all clinics and doctors tonight to determine the final toll.

After the municipal stadium blast the crowd turned on five Moslems outside of the stadium and screaming with fury beat them to death. —United Press.

## Kadar Govt Gets Tough

Budapest, Feb. 10. Hungary today resumed its military draft to re-build the Communist army shattered by the October rebellion.

Posters on Budapest walls instructed young men between the ages of 21 and 23 to report to induction centres the day after the draft. The group from which the majority of the freedom fighters came on Oct. 23, to be joined by many elements of the army.

Resumption of the draft which was suspended during the revolt, along with a new announcement that persons trying to flee to the West would be shot, indicated that the government of Premier Janos Kadar felt itself strong enough to assert itself in all fields.

## WORK NORMS AGAIN

There were other signs that the government was getting still tougher.

The government-controlled press hinted that the hated system of work norms was being reintroduced in factories.

The official newspaper Nepszabadsag said one way to restore production was to revert to the wage system whereby each worker is paid according to what he produces.

The roundup of rebels also continued. —United Press.

## 34 HRS 15 MINS ON TIGHT-ROPE

Toulouse, Feb. 10. A young French tight-rope walker, Mademoiselle Francine Pary tonight beat the "world light-rope endurance record" when she stayed 34 hours and 15 minutes on a tight-rope in the Toulouse Sports Stadium. —France-Press.

## ONLY 4 ESCAPE

Vienna, Feb. 10. Only four Hungarian refugees succeeded in escaping over the strongly guarded border into Austria today, it was announced here. —Reuters.

## House Moved Bodily For 15 Feet

Tokyo, Feb. 10. A group of 143 families living in a five-story high ferro-concrete apartment house in Tokyo held an impromptu "rock and roll" session today when a gang of workmen dug under the building's foundations, mounted the apartment house on steel rails and moved it back 15 feet. —Reuters.

## Congress Likely To Trim Ike's Budget

Washington, Feb. 10.

Senator Styles Bridges said today that he agreed with the Senate Republican leader, Mr. William Knowland, that Congress would trim more than \$2,000 million from President Eisenhower's new budget.

Senator Bridges, top-ranking Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, promised to say soon just where he believes Mr. Eisenhower's \$71,800 million budget for the fiscal year 1958 can be cut.

But he noted that Mr. Knowland said yesterday that he believed Congress would reduce the appropriations requested by the administration by "upward of \$2,000,000,000."

"I concur in the figure," said Senator Knowland, who has set, "said

## Shock For Two Air-Hostesses

Paris, Feb. 10. Two French air-hostesses from Orly airport received orders to go to the assistance of the passengers in a London-bound aircraft on a flight from Brindisi, which made a forced landing at the airport, owing to engine trouble tonight.

The young women entered the plane, which was in pitch darkness, expecting to find air-sick passengers.

To their horror, they were suddenly assailed on all sides by shadowy, hairy figures which began to hug and tumble all over them, uttering peculiar cries.

With shrieks of terror the air-hostesses stumbled out of the plane. It was explained to them later that the aircraft cargo consisted of 300 monkeys, bound for the London Zoo. —France-Press.

Mr. Bridges in an interview. Senator Bridges, besides serving on the Appropriations Committee, also is chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee.

Senator Knowland also serves on the Appropriations Committee and on the Foreign Relations Committee which sets first on foreign aid money, a perennial target of the Congressional economy bloc.

Asked if he agreed with Mr. Knowland's prediction that Congress will reduce the administration's \$1,950 million budget for foreign economic aid, Mr. Bridges replied: "Oh, sure."

He said he was at work on a specific programme for cutting the budget. —United Press.

## WILL STALK ELEPHANT WITH BOW & ARROW

New York, Feb. 10. A 42-year-old Texas oil millionaire left here today for the Belgian Congo to stalk an elephant with a bow and arrow.

But William Negley, who undertook the unusual hunting assignment on a \$10,000 bet, had a special 102-pound bow built for the job. He said he planned to aim at the elephant's heart for the kill. He said he thought that the combination of the special

bow plus four-bladed arrowheads made of the finest steel would enable him to win his wager.

Mr. Negley made his bet with William Carpenter of Wilmington, Delaware, who claimed that an elephant could not be killed with a bow and arrow.

Mr. Negley, director of the Willie Museum in San Antonio, said it could. If he is right, Mr. Carpenter will pay

\$10,000 to the Museum. If Mr. Negley is wrong, he must pay \$1,000 to the Museum. Mr. Negley has killed four elephants with a rifle, but he thinks that that is dull stuff now. He said he had been practising with the bow for six months. He started with a 50-75 pounds of pressure and gradually worked up to the 102-pounder. Up to now he has killed deer, wild pig and other small game with the bow. —United Press.

## Democrats Oppose Sanctions Against Israel

Washington, Feb. 10.

Democratic members of the New York state congressional delegation today urged President Eisenhower to instruct the American delegation at the United Nations to oppose sanctions against Israel.

Mr. Abraham J. Multer, Democratic member of the House of Representatives from New York, said the group sent a telegram to the President at Thomasville, Georgia, where he was on holiday.

In New York, Mr. Averell

Harriman, Governor of New York, said today that the Eisenhower administration had "failed to come to grips with basic issues in the Middle East."

The status quo that existed before the invasion of Egypt by Britain, France and Israel "must not be restored," he told a dinner meeting of a Jewish organization.

"In the so-called Eisenhower doctrine," Mr. Harriman said, "there is no mention of the problems of Israel, and no suggestions for dealing with them."

He said Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, twice "backed away from his own proposals" calling for united Western strength to meet the threat.

"In the end the British and French, desperate and abandoned, wisely and tragically, attempted direct action," Mr. Harriman said.

## "JUSTIFIED"

The House Democratic leader, Mr. John McCormack, said today the United States should vote against any United Nations move to impose "sanctions" on Israel for not withdrawing its troops from Egyptian territory.

Mr. McCormack, who said Israel's refusal was "justified" under present circumstances, joined a growing list of Congressmen who have voiced opposition to punitive action against the Israeli government.

Mr. McCormack, appearing on a television programme, said that if any sanctions were voted they should be voted against Egypt as well as Israel. He said Israel was justified in seeking some guarantee from Egypt that there would be "no more raids" on its borders if Israeli forces were withdrawn from the Gaza strip and Aqaba Gulf area.

## WILL APPROVE

Mr. McCormack predicted that the Senate would approve Mr. Eisenhower's Middle East resolution without any changes in its "substance." He said he endorsed the "doctrine" although it would not have been necessary if the administration had taken "proper action" several months ago.

The Democratic leader said he "regretted" that England and France did not go ahead and seize the Suez Canal when they invaded Egypt. And he criticized the administration for the way it handled the situation at the time.

Mr. McCormack said the United States "did not have to put England and France in the position where they have now lost their influence in the Middle East." —Reuters and United Press.

## Record Flight

Seattle, Feb. 10. A four-engine DC-7C passenger plane set a trans-Pacific speed record today, flying from Tokyo to Seattle in 14 hours and two minutes, Pan American Airways announced.

The plane travelled the 4,793 miles at an average of 342 miles per hour, without the benefit of a tail wind.

Pan American said the plane, carrying 80 military personnel and 10 crewmen, was chartered to the government. It made no island stops. —United Press.

## The IRA Again

Belfast, Feb. 10. A road bridge in Northern Ireland, was damaged tonight by a bomb at the village of Crobilly, near Ballymena, Co. Antrim.

The incident, believed to be the work of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, took place only 100 yards from the home of a pro-government member of Parliament, Dr. Robert Simpson. No one was injured. —China Mail special.

## SYRIA ALMOST A SOVIET SATELLITE

Washington, Feb. 10. United States diplomats are being warned by some experienced Arab observers that Soviet infiltration of the Arab world already has made a "semi-satellite" of Syria.

These warnings add that although it is not too late to save Syria and other Arab countries from complete Soviet domination, it is "almost too late."

According to these pessimistic reports, the situation in that area has taken a startling turn for the worse during the past year.

The conclusion of the report is this—the Syrian Government is no longer free enough to take any action which would be against the wishes of the international Communist movement.

## General Picture

The situation in other Middle Eastern countries is pictured as follows:

Jordan—This country, created artificially by Britain after World War I, "has no future" as an independent state. It will go whichever way Syria goes and as Syria at the moment is being "Egyptized," so is Jordan.

Lebanon—There are Communists here, as in all the Arab countries, but they have not succeeded in penetrating the government.

Saudi Arabia—Oil-rich King Saud is influential with the other states, but only to a degree. His position as a feudal ruler in an Arab world wracked by social change is shaky. That is why "no miracles" are expected to come of his talks with President Eisenhower.

Egypt—The middle class is desperate, knowing that it is being forced out of existence. Nasser is trying to create something akin to a socialist welfare state, although Egypt is one of the poorest countries in the world.

"Iraq—Together with Turkey, Iran and Pakistan, Iraq is part of the 'real backbone' of the Middle East, the shield against the pressure that is going to beat down from the U.S.S.R. for the next 50 years. —United Press.

## Disastrous Fire

Manila, Feb. 11. About 30 people, mostly children, were missing last night and feared dead following a fire which razed two-thirds of the Tinianex Palomar district in the Tondo area of Manila. Damage estimated at US\$250,000 was caused.

The hour-long blaze, which gutted close to 100 houses, caused injuries to scores of people during a stampede from the path of the flames.

The fire, it is reported, started when children kicked over a gas lamp in their shanty home. The flames spread quickly due to lack of water supply. —France-Press.



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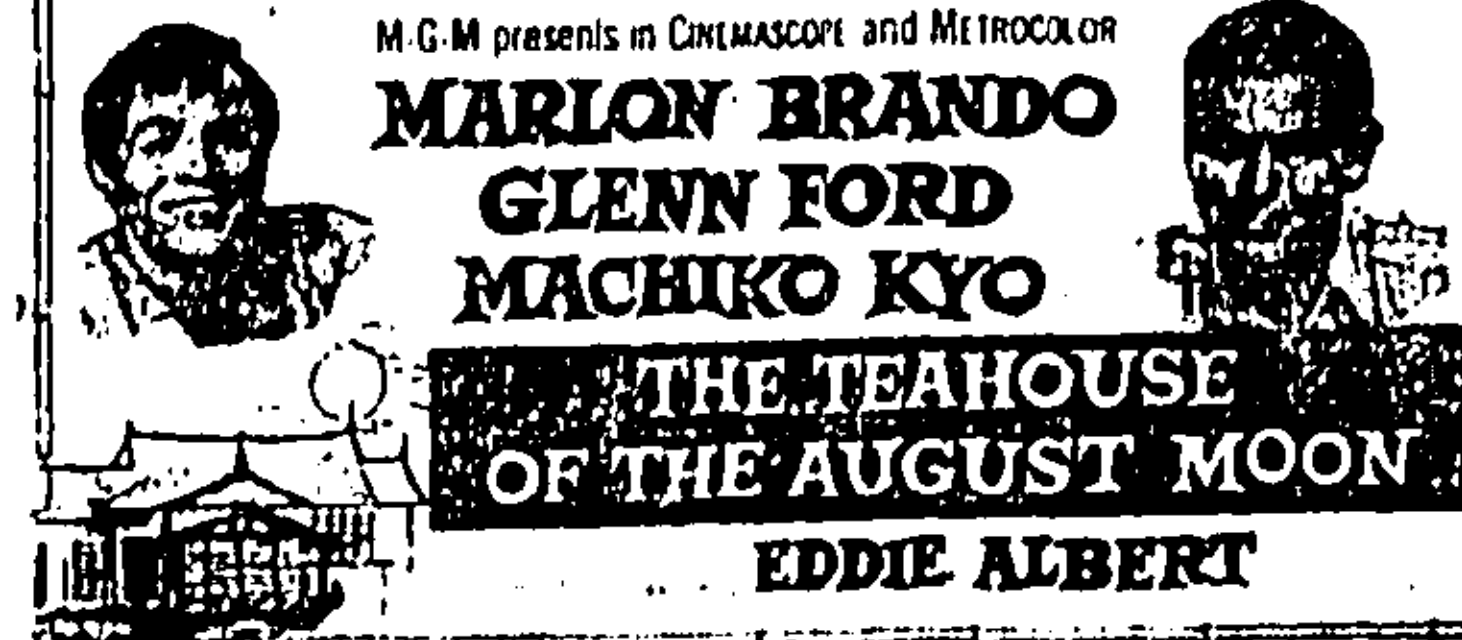
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# Ceremony At Vatican



The scene as Pope Pius XII is presented with the traditional candles in the Virgin's Presentation ceremony in the Vatican City.—Express Photo.

# Industriousness Tops Spouse Qualities

Paris, Feb. 10. Industriousness is the quality most prized by Frenchmen and women in their spouses, according to a questionnaire answered by 7,000 entrants for a competition to celebrate the feast of Saint Valentine, patron saint of young lovers.

Women placed fidelity sixth on the list of virtues which they admired in their husbands and fiancés, and gave pride of place — after industry — to honesty, frankness and loyalty.

Good housekeeping was fourth on the men's list and good temper sixth. Fidelity was unplaced.

The competition's organizers awarded prizes for the best written answers in three categories: engaged couples, newlyweds and veterans of 25 years matrimony and over. — China Mail Special.

# US URGED TO WITHDRAW RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA

Washington, Feb. 10. A Citizens Foreign Relations Committee composed of several dozen prominent Americans was formed today with an 11-point programme which called for withdrawal of US recognition of Russia.

The Committee also called for waging unremitting psychological warfare against Communist regimes, including aid to underground troops and "effective anti-Communist exile."

This and withdrawal of recognition were the two points upon which the Committee said it would concentrate its efforts.

It named a six-man executive committee and 48-man board of directors, and said memberships would be solicited soon throughout the nation.

The executive committee includes retired Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, Col. Julius L. Amoss, who runs a private intelligence system, James H. R. Cromwell, former Democratic candidate for the US Senate from New Jersey, Charles Edison, New York importer, Commodore F. G. Reincke and Alfred Kohlberg, importer.

The Committee said that "our recognition of the Red dictatorship aids these usurpers (Red rulers) in binding their victims more securely to the chains of inhuman police states."

"In addition we invite irreparable damage to ourselves... by granting diplomatic privileges and immunity to the Soviets and their puppets when it is common knowledge that they prostitute every purpose and principle of true diplomacy... for the sole purpose of... destroying our democratic institutions and the American way of life."

# Queen Prepares For State Visit

London, Feb. 10. Behind the outward calm and dignity of Buckingham Palace there is flurry this weekend as officials, ladies-in-waiting and a host of servants prepare for Queen Elizabeth's departure on a State visit to Portugal.

Dazzling new dresses especially designed for the occasion are being carefully packed. Hairdressers are discussing with the Queen the coiffures she will adopt.

Speeches are being prepared, and the Palace officials who are accompanying the Queen are busy in their few spare moments trying to memorise phrase books.

# Studying Portuguese

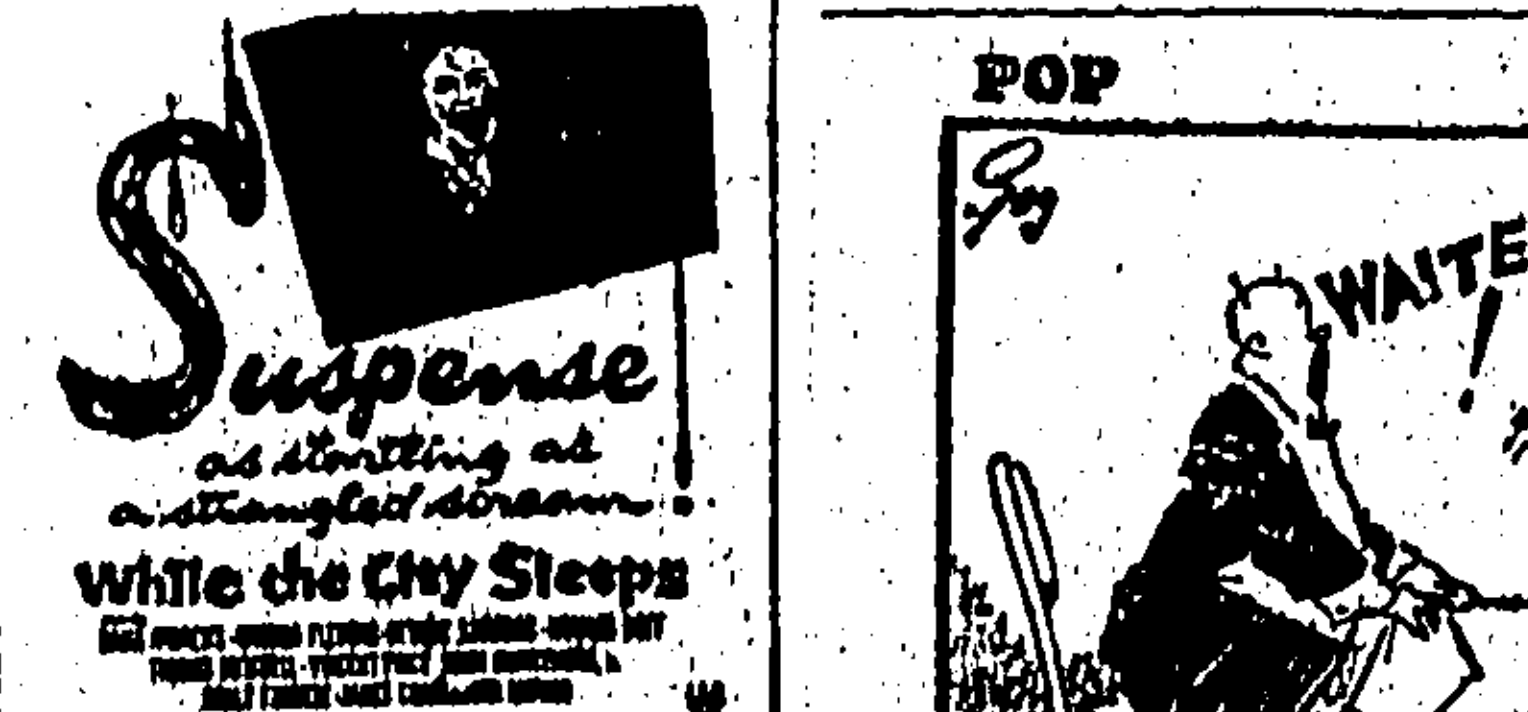
The Queen herself is studying a little Portuguese because, wherever she goes she likes to be able to speak a few sentences of greeting or thanks in the tongue of her hosts.

It is an exciting journey for the Queen in more ways than one. Portugal, with its lovely scenery, romantic fishing villages, and its warm winter sunshine will be the setting for a reunion with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, after a four-month parting.

He has been on a 25,000-mile world tour which included the

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# RUSSIAN ECONOMIC CUTBACK

## Industrial Expansion Slashed By Almost A Third

Moscow, Feb. 10.

The Supreme Soviet yesterday passed a 1957 economic plan and state budget that reflected a significant cutback in Russian economic expansion.

Russia's industrial expansion will be cut almost one-third this year—the biggest slash in more than 20 years.

In spite of that, however, the emphasis still was on heavy industry. It was clear that the man in the street will hardly find his position improved in 1957 even though the economic plan calls for a 5.9 per cent increase in the production of consumer goods.

That increase in the goods the Russian uses every day is hardly expected to take care of the normal increase in the country's population, an estimated 3,000,000 people annually.

## Big Increases

Only with regard to housing may the lot of the ordinary man be improved. There were big increases in appropriations for living units.

The official Communist Party newspaper Pravda declared that the continued priority heavy production is driving "enemies of the Soviet people into a frenzy."

Pravda said that the new economic plan and budget "showed the world the strength and the might of the Soviet system."

This year, however, the plan for overall industrial expansion dropped to 7.1 per cent from last year's scheduled increase of 11.1 per cent.

Expansion in heavy industry dropped from 11.4 last year to 7.8 for 1957. Increase in production of consumer goods dropped to 5.9 from 9.4 last year.

## Reflection

The budget reflects these cutbacks, although the budget figures were not broken down to indicate appropriations in the different categories.

The budget provides for the reduction of the defence budget by 5,300,000 rubles (four rubles to US\$1 at the unofficial rate of exchange) down to 90,721,000 rubles.

This is the second straight year there has been a reduction in defence expenditures.

The expenditures for social service, education, and medical care increased from 161,605,000 to 188,000,000 rubles. A new pension law providing for higher benefits probably accounts largely for the increase.

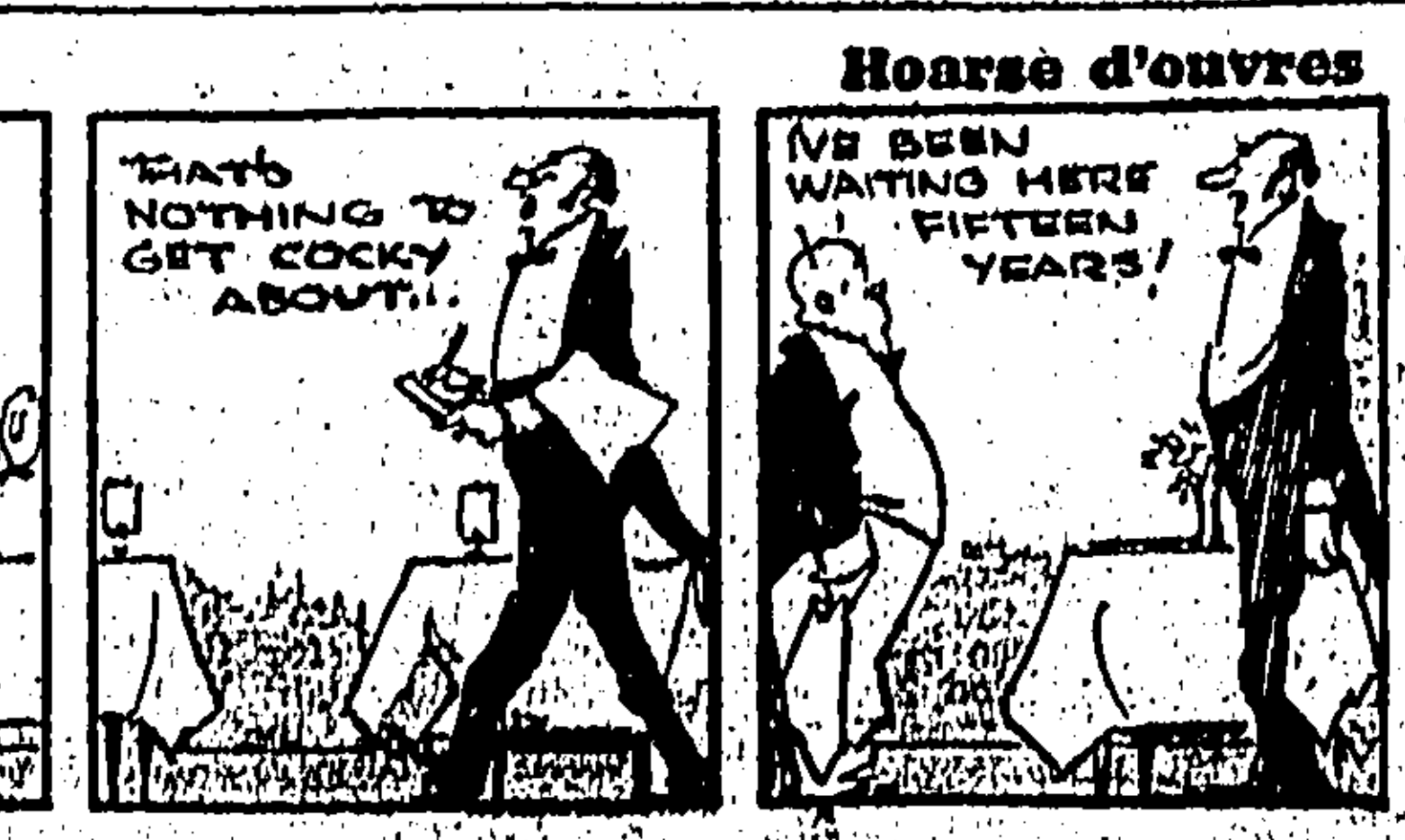
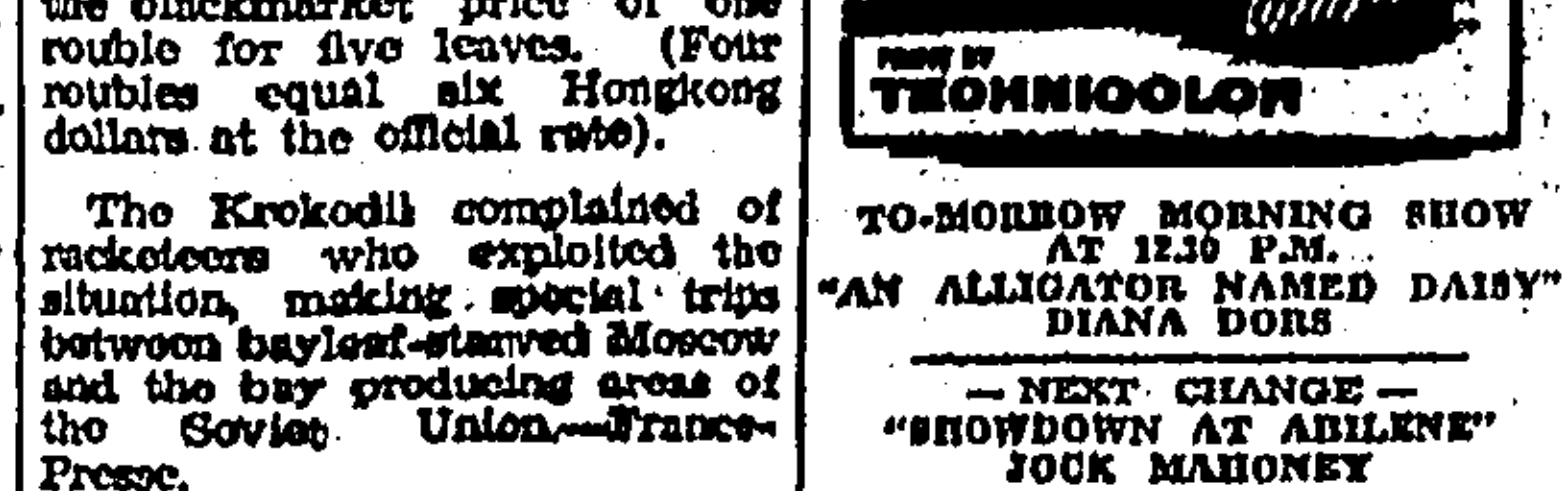
The Supreme Soviet passed the new budget and 1957 economic plan by the usual unanimous vote after five days' discussion.

## Bayleaf Blackmarket

Paris, Feb. 10. Russian bayleaf, black-market dealers were engaged in a scathing article in the Soviet satirical review, the "Krokodil," which reached Paris today.

A Krokodil reader said the bayleaf had practically disappeared from the Moscow market and that such specimens of the aromatic plant as were available were being sold for the blackmarket price of one ruble for five leaves. (Four rubles equal six Hongkong dollars at the official rate).

The Krokodil complained of racketeers who exploited the situation, making special trips between bayleaf-stained Moscow and the big producing areas of the Soviet Union.—France-Press.



# BROADCAST OFFER WITHDRAWN

New Delhi, Feb. 10.

The Indian Government has withdrawn its offer to allow the four main political parties to broadcast summaries of their manifestos over All-India Radio for the general elections this month. It was announced today.

The withdrawal followed the refusal of the three opposition parties to accept the Government offer, since they wanted more time allotted to parties for election broadcasts.

The Indian National Congress, the Government party, was the only one of the four parties to accept. Praja Socialist, Communist and the right-wing Hindu party Jan Sangh refused.

## EXPERIMENT

The Government press note tonight said that the Government had wanted to make an experiment in using radio space for election purposes. It felt it was impossible to provide broadcasting facilities in general to political parties, so it had decided to allot exactly the same amount of time to the four parties with all-India status to broadcast summaries of their manifestos.—Reuter.

# Support For Singapore Taxpayers

Singapore, Feb. 10.

The Newly-formed Taxpayers Association here announced today that similar groups of taxpayers in Britain, Ceylon, India and Pakistan had promised help and advice.

Hundreds had applied for membership in the Singapore association; said founder Mr. Chan Kum Chee.

He said the information from foreign taxpayers associations could help the Singapore group in its fight for a "square deal" and the removal of "anomalies" in tax laws.—Reuter.

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# No Solution Of Suez Problem

## In Sight Payment Of Tolls And Gulf Of Aqaba Navigation

London, Feb. 10.

United Nations progress in clearing the Suez Canal brought Britain, Israel and Egypt and the UN itself close today to a major showdown over the whole shaky peace in the Middle East.

Partial reopening of the closed waterway is expected within several weeks, but there was still no solution in sight to the two biggest issues still smouldering through the UN ceasefire:

### Two Issues

★ 1. Israeli occupation of the Gaza and the Egyptian shore of the Gulf of Aqaba.

★ 2. Egyptian determination to collect all the tolls for shipping allowed through the Suez Canal.

Until resumption of traffic in the waterway became an immediate prospect, the Gaza-Aqaba dispute was largely a logistical argument between the UN and Egypt.

But there have been firm indications that Egypt may refuse passage at least to French and British ships until all Israeli troops have withdrawn. If carried out, this threat would transform the Egyptian-Israeli dispute into economic disaster for most of Europe.

The idea is to use the blockade of oil reserves on the assumption British tankers will soon be speeding through the waterway.

### Seized Assets

Britain and France and some at least of its allies in the 14-nation Suez Canal Users' Association are also determined to withhold part of the regular Canal tolls from Egypt.

The idea is to use the withheld funds to guarantee compensation for seized assets in Egypt—including the Canal itself—and to help pay for clearance of the sabotaged waterway.

Egypt on the other hand has indicated it intends to collect all the tolls.

### Showdown

The imminence of the probable showdown was brought home this weekend when Egypt started one tanker and two minesweepers down the Canal in hopes of detouring around the last two remaining obstacles.

The vessels were held up tonight only 40 miles south of

Port Said to await removal of one of the concrete-filled Egyptian landing ship Akka.

Tomorrow Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd faces a barrage of questions in the worried House of Commons.

Conservative Roger Gresham Cooke will press for an indication whether Britain will support Israel's demand for freedom of navigation through the Gulf of Aqaba.

Other MPs will try to sound out Lloyd on the Eisenhower doctrine—which Prime Minister Harold Macmillan already has endorsed—how Britain hopes to get compensation from Egypt for British businesses "Egyptianised" since the Suez conflict.—United Press.

## HUGE PRICE SUPPORT LOSSES

Washington, Feb. 10.

The farm price support programme has cost the Eisenhower Administration \$2,044,000,000 in the last four years—nearly three times the total government losses in the preceding 20 years of Federal farm aid programmes.

A Commodity Credit Corporation (Agriculture Department) report, which said today, stated that the total losses since the Roosevelt Administration inaugurated the programmes in 1939 were \$4,005,000,000.

The Corporation owned surplus commodities costing \$5,092,000,000 at the end of 1956, and it expected to take losses on these stocks before they were disposed of, the report added.

The figures did not take into account direct subsidy payments to farmers, cost of export subsidies, under which some commodities were sold abroad at prices, or funds other than the Corporation's used to buy surpluses for relief and other distribution.—Reuter.

## SAUD SEES FRANCO

Madrid, Feb. 10.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia had a 90-minute talk tonight with General Franco, Spanish head of State.

An official communiqué described the meeting as a "cordial interview." General Franco met King Saud on his arrival here today from the United States, where the King had talks with President Eisenhower.

King Saud tonight gave a dinner in honour of Sultan Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef of Morocco, with whom he will discuss during his five-day stay, United States plans for an Arab anti-Communist bloc and the Algerian question.

The Sultan arrived here yesterday.—Reuter.

## Saudi Base General Nominated

Washington, Feb. 10.

American Air Force General Dale Smith has been nominated as head of the American military aid group in Saudi Arabia and commander of the 2nd Air Force Division at Dhahran air base, the Air Force Department announced today.

General Smith is at present chief of the planning bureau at Air Force headquarters in Washington. He took part in the technical phase of last week's negotiations between Saudi Arabia and the United States, and was present at most of the official ceremonies in honour of King Saud of Saudi Arabia.—United Press.

## Mutiny In Palermo Gaol



Police stormed a gaol in Palermo under cover of machine-gun fire to end a 24-hour mutiny by 200 inmates. They had climbed to the prison roof, and the police had to use tear gas before they could be removed. Picture top shows a police armoured vehicle on the road outside the gaol. Some of the mutineering prisoners can be seen on the roof top. Picture bottom shows some of the prisoners on roof of the gaol.—Express Photo.

## French Republicans Determined To Hold Algeria

Bordeaux, Feb. 10.

The French right-of-centre Social Republican Party's Congress today called on its members to keep Algeria as part of France at all costs and to subordinate all their political action to that end.

Ending their meeting at Bordeaux, the delegates also voted a resolution, opposing any movement which would limit the possibilities of French national defence, which would irrevocably withdraw France's economic and social freedom, and which would risk dividing Metropolitan France and the overseas territories.

The resolution called for the establishment of "Federal institutions" including the election of a President, to be national and above parties, by a large electoral college representing all local communities.

### Main Tasks

Jacques Chaban-Delmas, who was re-elected President of the National Council, said the party's main tasks were to keep and save Algeria, to ensure the liberal evolution of overseas territories while keeping within the French Union, and to build a unified Europe, provided its institutions did not place France in a position of insurmountable inferiority.

The Algerian situation will be debated for the second week running in the United Nations Political Committee tomorrow and, with 25 speakers still to be heard, it is unlikely to wind up before the middle of the week.

The first resolution to be voted on at the end of the debate will be the Afro-Asian resolution, which appears unlikely to obtain even a simple majority at the committee stage.

If it is not carried, Thailand and the Philippines are expected to introduce another resolution, embodying in modified form certain elements of the Afro-Asian resolution. This would probably command considerably more support than the Afro-Asian resolution.

### Stress Rights

Both resolutions stress the rights of peoples to self-determination and the necessity for negotiations between France and representatives of the Algerian people. The 18-nation Afro-Asian resolution calls on the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, to facilitate these negotiations.

At the vote in the Political Committee, the Algerian resolu-

## US Oil Firms Told To Drop Prices

Washington, Feb. 10.

Senator Joseph O'Mahoney called upon the big oil companies today to reduce the price of petrol immediately or face the threat of legislative action by Congress.

Senator O'Mahoney, chairman of the joint Senate subcommittee investigating the oil for Europe programme, predicted that eventually petrol prices would be reduced — "at least I hope so."

He said the longer the industry waited before cutting the price, the greater would be the demand for legislation.

The Senator was asked on a television programme if the possible legislation would take the form of a system of price controls for the petroleum industry.

"It might be," he said. He said later: "Price control by government is not as bad as price-fixing by a monopoly."

### NO JUSTIFICATION

Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat, Tennessee), a member of Senator O'Mahoney's joint subcommittee, said, meanwhile, that there was "no economic justification" for the recent increase in oil and petrol prices.

Senator O'Mahoney criticised the Administration for allowing a 13-company private oil group to handle the oil for Europe programme. He said he would have "had the Government supervise the whole business."

"I do not believe," he said, "an industry group should carry out government functions."—United Press.

## Atlantic Pact Not A Bargaining Counter

Bonn, Feb. 10.

Dr Heinrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, said at Oberstenfeld today that Germany could not use the Atlantic Pact as a bargaining counter when negotiating reunification.

He told a Christian Democratic Party meeting that since the recent foreign policy debate in the Bundestag (lower house) in which the Government reaffirmed its NATO policy, he had received many letters from people in East Germany saying that West German policy had given them the courage to hold out.

Dr von Brentano said proposals for an alternative to the NATO and Warsaw pacts put forward by Herr Erich Ollenhauer, leader of the Social Democratic Opposition, were "simply unrealistic."

"Herr Ollenhauer said last Thursday that his party proposed a mutual non-aggression pact for Europe in which members would have limited and controlled armaments, and which would be guaranteed by the Soviet Union and the United States."—China Mail Special.

## H-BOMB TESTS REPLY TODAY

London, Feb. 10.

Japan is expected to get an indirect reply tomorrow to its demand for suspension of Britain's planned H-bomb tests in the Pacific this spring.

Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd faces three Socialist questions in the House of Commons on Japanese reaction to the tests.

The inclusion of the two questions high on the list of motions provides an opportunity for brief debate of the H-bomb test plans. Many Socialists have demanded that Britain support an immediate ban on nuclear test explosions.

### Insufficient Time

Twice in the last month the two questions have come up before the House but both times there was insufficient time for Lloyd to give an oral reply. The Socialists refused to accept a written answer since this would deprive them of the opportunity of debating the issue.

Socialist W. W. Hamilton will ask "what was the nature of the warning given to Japan about nuclear tests due to take place this year and what official Japanese reply has been made?"

Socialist Stephen Davies will ask "what protests he has received from the fishing industry, trade unions and peace organisations in Japan against the proposed British series of nuclear weapons in the vicinity of Christmas Island in the South Pacific and what reply he has given to such protests?"

A third Socialist, Emrys Hughes, has added a third motion for Lloyd to answer tomorrow. Hughes will ask "if he will inform the Japanese Government what area in the Pacific it is proposed to declare dangerous for fishing in future United Kingdom nuclear weapon tests, and whether he will inform the Japanese Government that Japanese fishermen will be compensated for any loss they may sustain within that area?"

### Major Problem

The third question confronts the British Government with a problem that clouded previous US tests in the Pacific when fears of radioactivity caused a major blow to the Japanese fishing industry.

It is already known that the Japanese Government formally asked Britain to "suspend" the tests. The British Government has not yet delivered the formal reply to Japan's request. But the questions before the House of Commons tomorrow provide Labour's a chance to argue in favour of the Japanese demands.—United Press.

## Attempted Lynchings Alleged In Hungarian Schools

By RONALD FARQUHAR

Budapest, Feb. 10.

The Hungarian Communist press today attacked the church for failing to condemn alleged attempted "lynchings" of school children who refused to attend religious classes.

The attack came in an article in the Socialist Workers (Communist) Party newspaper *Nepesbadsag* and followed recent press attacks on certain Roman Catholic and Protestant church leaders for alleged "counter-revolutionary activities."

The article, entitled "The cross is no gallows," recalled recent press reports that pupils in some schools tried to hang classmates by their scarves and locked others in a cupboard because they would not go to religious classes.

### Guardian of Purity

The writer of the article, Mr. Imre Dobozsy, said: "I cannot understand why the church, the guardian of the purity of religion, is silent at the time of this ugly warfare in the schools."

"Why does it not proclaim in a widely-heard voice that Christianity has nothing to do with brutal violence. Is it possible that silently it tolerates the crime of abuses committed in the name of religion," the article said.

Free practice of religion was guaranteed in Hungary, it declared, but "aggressive barbarian violence" must be exterminated, and the authorities must be ruthless towards instigators. The Hungarian Commissioner for Education, Mr. Alberti Konya, was quoted by the trade union newspaper *Nepkarat* as saying that "lynching and terrorism" in schools were no widespread.

But, he told a press conference, strong measures were needed even in the most insignificant cases.

### Cancelled

(When Hungarian schools resumed lessons early this year after the national rising of last October and November, religious classes, previously restricted to children who specifically asked to attend at the beginning of the school year in September, were opened to all others who wanted to join.)

But shortly afterwards the authorities cancelled this and reverted to the former arrangement because of alleged abuses and "spiritual terror" to force children to attend these classes.)

*Nepkarat* reported on January 31 that three boys were hung by the scarves on pegs at a school at Mosonmagyaróvár, West Hungary, the previous week because they did not attend religious classes.

All three were freed, but, the newspaper said, one of them, a 17-year-old boy, almost suffocated before the teacher came into the room and released them.

*Nepesbadsag* reported on February 5 that at another unnamed school some pupils were "half-strangled and shut in a cupboard" by schoolmates for

refusing to attend religious classes.

Last Wednesday *Nepesbadsag* accused Cardinal Josef Mindszenty, Roman Catholic primate of Hungary, of issuing orders, from the United States legation in Budapest, where he sought asylum on November 4, demanding "Democratic-minded" priests.

Two days later *Nepkarat* said "some personalities" the Protestant Reformed Church wanted to make their church "one of the bases of counter-revolution."

Newspapers reported that 14 people alleged to have been involved in lynching seven police officers in Miskolc, northeast Hungary, during the rising were due to stand trial soon.

*Nepkarat* printed a photograph of British Labour MP Mr. Aneurin Bevan and quoted him as saying in a recent article in a British newspaper, that he did not believe the Middle East was really threatened by communism.

### Good Sign

*Nepkarat* said "It is a good sign that such a politician of great repute as Bevan declares these things without hesitation. But it is a less good sign that Western politicians, especially in Washington, give very great details of the fairly tale about the Middle East being attacked by the Communists."—China Mail Special.

## Coalminers Needed For Poles

Berlin, Feb. 10.

East German Communists today met lagging Polish coal shipments with a call for transfer of workers to the coalfields to increase domestic production.

The official Communist Party newspaper, *Neues Deutschland*, said now coal miners were needed if production was to be increased. The newspaper proposed that factory workers in towns near the coalfields go into the mines.

There was no suggestion of a draft.

The seriousness of the coal shortage was disclosed last week by Bruno Leuschner, head of the State's economic plan committee. He said that, because Poland had failed to meet coal export commitments, East Germany would have to cut its 1957 production goals and its capital investment programme.

Poland has cut its delivery of coal to the Soviet bloc and is selling coal in Western Europe for Western goods. This has hit the entire East European economy, already disrupted by the economic chaos in Hungary.—United Press.

## Polish 5-Year Plan Modified

Paris, Feb. 10.

A modification of the Polish five-year plan to increase the production of consumer goods in the years 1957-1960 was recently worked out by the Planning Commission, attached to the Polish PAP agency reported today.

The production of consumer goods, including farmers' materials, construction materials, machines, raw materials for artisans, cars, motorcycles, bicycles, radios and refrigerators, is to be increased by an average of nine per cent from 1958 to 1960, the agency said.

The production of goods for industry will also be increased and possibly supplemented by imports of raw materials and semi-finished goods, while the planned increase for mechanical industry production is to be maintained, the agency said.

The general investment for 1957-1960 will be reduced by some 87 milliards zlotys (about 1.54 milliard dollars), the agency added.—France Press.

## FICTION AWARD

New York, Feb. 10.

Novelist John Dos Passos was today awarded the gold medal for fiction of the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

The award, made every five years, is given for the entire work of an author who, in the opinion of the institute, has made "a lasting contribution to American letters."

Mr. Dos Passos is known for his works portraying American life on all levels.—China Mail Special.

## Secret Plans To Unify Singapore And Malaya

Singapore, Feb. 11.

MALAYA had some "secret plans" to unite this colony and the Malayan mainland eventually, the Malayan Assistant Minister for Commerce and Industry, Inche Khir Johari, said in Singapore at the weekend, according to the Straits Times today.

A news report in the Straits Times said Inche Khir told 1,000 members of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) that a merger was not feasible at present. He warned there would be bloodshed if Singapore and Malaya were merged by force. "We want to avoid this," he said.

Inche Khir, the information chief of the UMNO, was quoted as saying Malaya had plans to achieve a merger but these "cannot yet be disclosed."

### HINT

The Straits Times report said Inche Khir hinted Singapore still did not have a sufficiently strong and stable government.

(In Singapore last month at a press conference on his return from London talks, the Chief Minister of Malaya, Tengku Abdul Rahman, said he was opposed to having Singapore as an unit in an independent Malaya.)

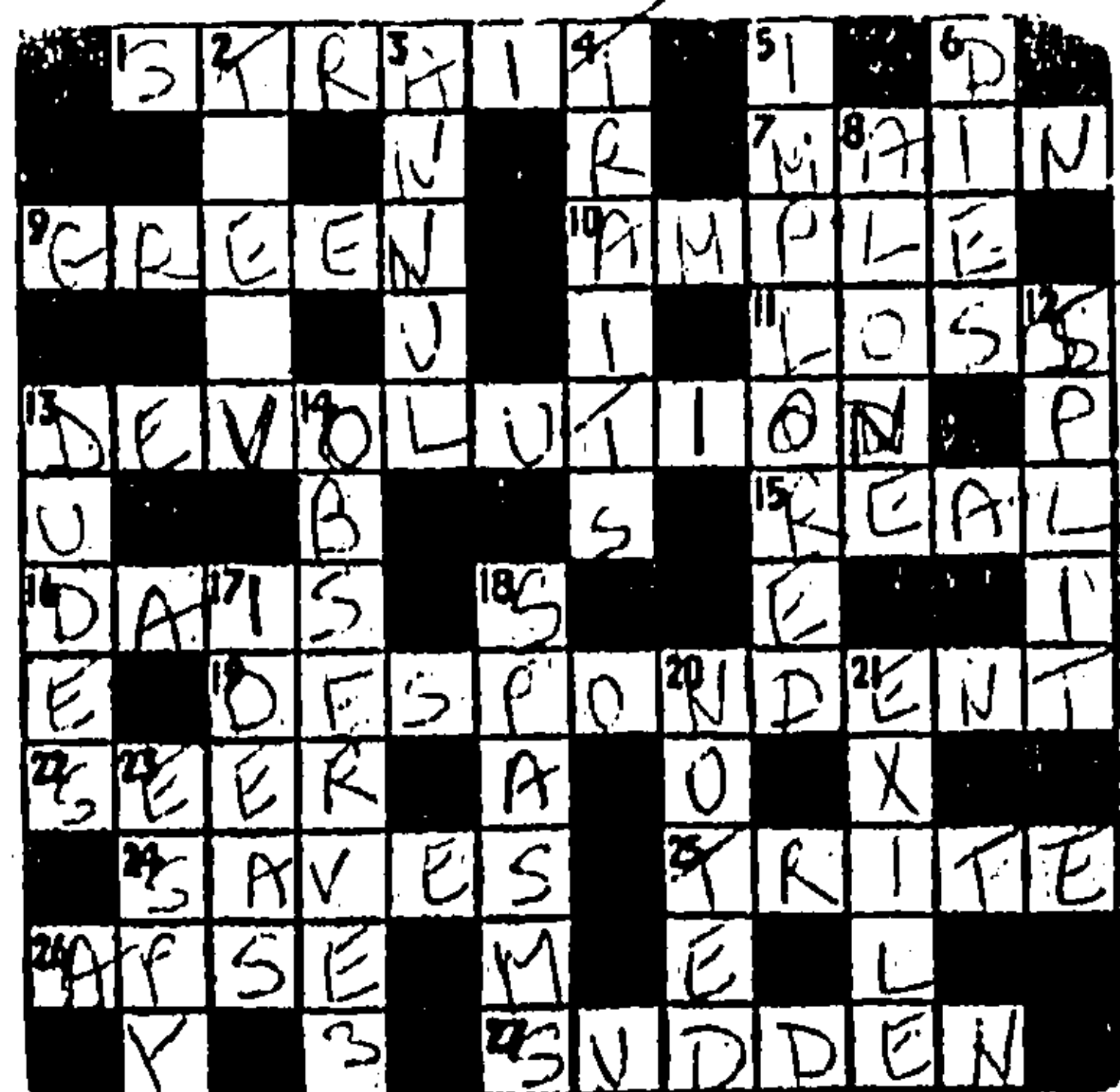
(At that time the Singapore Chief Minister Mr. Lim Yew Hock reiterated that his government was still working towards a merger with Malaya.)—Reuter.

### Paris, Feb. 10.

The former Hungarian political police barracks in Eger have been transformed into a 60-bed hospital, Radio Budapest reported today.

The Hungarian Government had earlier announced that the political police organisation, the AVO had been officially dissolved.—France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1 Narrow channel (6).

7 Principal (4).

9 Colour (5).

10 Sufficient (6).

11 Becoming (4).

13 Destruction (10).

15 Actual (4).

16 Said to be upset if raised (4).

19 Downcast (10).

22 Southsayer (5).

24 Rescue (5).

25 Commonwealth (5).

26 Part of a church (4).

27 Unexpected (5).

### DOWN

2 Heat unit (5).

3 Cancel (5).

4 Features of "T" (10).

6 Begged (9).

8 Famous (4).

10 Solitary (5).

12 Crack (5).

13 American tops (5).

14 Seas (8).

17 Thoughts (5).

18 Flit (6).

20 Famous (5).

21 British (4).

23 Spot (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Praise, 4 Acid, 7 Induce, 8 Spasm, 10 Carp, 12 Porcent, 15 Major, 16 Arc, 17 Spur, 19 Slave, 20 Senator, 21 Boot, 23 Tunic, 24 Roll, 25 Sewer, 26 Blague. Down: 1 Princess, 2 Alder-man, 3 Sick, 5 Capital, 6 Insane, 9 Port, 11 Parasite, 12 Paces, 13 Erecting, 14 Tactician, 16 Famine, 21 Tail.



## EASTERN DIET MAY PREVENT THROMBOSIS

A GREAT trial is going on in the medical world, affecting the life and death of millions.

The defendants? Certain fatty diets.

The accusers? Biochemists and heart specialists.

The crime these fatty diets are charged with is that they are the cause of coronary thrombosis.

Mr Bennett, who had come to see me, had been a victim. He had had an attack of coronary heart disease several months ago and now was asking advice with regard to his diet.

"There is," I said, "circumstantial evidence that diet and coronary thrombosis are directly related, but so far the juries of doctors have not given a final verdict. They are awaiting more proof."

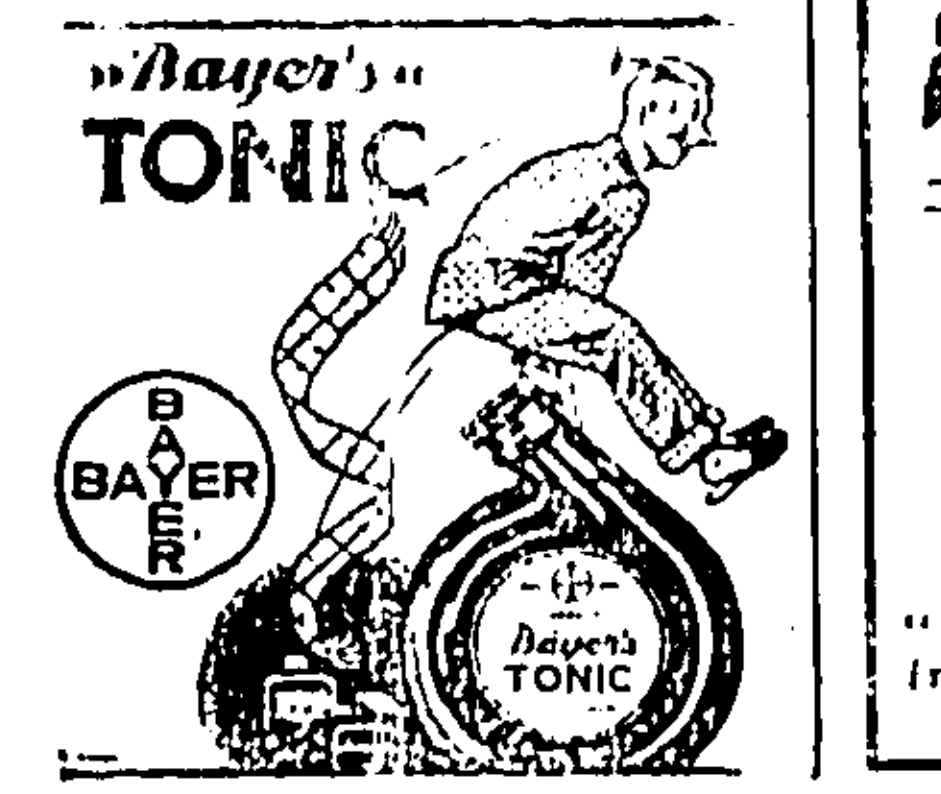
It is known that in certain parts of the world coronary thrombosis occurs much less commonly, and it is thought that this may be the result of different foods eaten in the different geographical areas. The Japanese suffer less from coronary heart disease than almost any other people in the world. Unlike Western Europe, fish is the major food the Japanese eat.

### STRANGE FACT

Again, coronary thrombosis is not prevalent in the olive-oil eating Latin peoples, nor in Africa and China where the people take maize, soybean, and sunflower seed.

"Another strange fact that may interest you," I said to Mr Bennett, "is that the drop in the mortality of heart disease in Norway during the German occupation was remarkable."

"So what does it all add up to?" he asked.



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Can food be a major cause of heart disease? Here are facts that point that way.

I explained that there was a substance called cholesterol in our bloodstream, the level of which could be made to vary according to the food we eat.

"You mean the higher the cholesterol content of the blood, the greater the chance of thrombosis?" Mr Bennett asked.

"Possibly." Fatty foods like butter, egg yolk, beef dripping, raise the cholesterol level in the bloodstream, as do other animal fats. On the other hand, fish oils and vegetable fats lower the cholesterol content.

"So we should eat more fish like the Japanese," Mr Bennett said, "or take more olive oil, sunflower seed, soybean, and maize."

"Not necessarily. Reduction of the total dietary fat will lower the cholesterol circulating in the blood."

### POCKET CARTOON BY OSBERT LANCASTER



"She needn't worry—his intention are purely political!"

All in a doctor's day: by CEDRIC CARNE

It may all sound fantastic, but the fact is that while no one has proved that increased cholesterol causes heart disease there is abundant evidence that there is an association between the two. Namely the total cholesterol is raised by 30 percent in coronary artery disease.

It is possible, therefore, that the increase in coronary thrombosis in America and England is a direct result of better economic conditions. Having more money, people eat more. Some excessively. As simple as that.

### GUILTY, BUT...

"But one can be optimistic," I pointed out.

For if the nature of our modern diet is a major factor in the development of coronary heart disease, there is hope that this disease may eventually be controlled and prevented.

"All I have told you," I said, "is the result of recent work and we shouldn't have to wait too long for the final answers. Doctors are trying to find medicines that will reduce the cholesterol and like substances in the bloodstream."

"Meanwhile we should cut down the fat in our diets. I mean the animal fats," Mr Bennett said.

"Yes," I said. "Guilty until proved innocent."

He rose from the chair. "Doctor," he asked, "do you know a shop where they sell sunflower seed cheap?"

## and this week it's TV and the Queen

THE decks and lounges of the RMS Chusan built as long before she sails support to any of parting, the gay, the brave, and the dissolving... The British Empire in little. Couples cling or wilt. Tears bulge and fall. And school-boys who have never seen much virtue in the Colony suddenly feel they are leaving the whole world behind them as the waving gap begins to yawn and swallows up their cheerful tearful parents. The retiring Civil Servant in an old sports jacket and the prime of life feels no less that he is leaving his whole life behind and has only the shell to take on.

January 56 a dry eyed girl—Lin Chu—stood beyond this gap waving to her mother. The journey to England was a gamble. There two had worked and saved for it. And of course for years the mother had hoped her daughter would give up the hare-brained notion. But it was so good. She set off alone, with courage, some confidence, and a lot of doubts and fears. In London she knew no one—and had little idea how she should tackle that formidable city of high talent, endless possibility, and cut-throat competition.

### First Class

That was a year ago, or just over. To be quite precise, a year ago today the Chusan was sailing out of Bombay harbour, and the striking girl with jet black hair was sitting on the forbidden First Class promenade "where the people are nice—and less crowded," remarking to someone "Bombay... a huge dirty city, but I like it."

And London, when it arrived to wards the end of February, was not exactly taken by storm. She started with a shorter course than most, at a more expensive training school, and a consultation with the most expensive hair dresser in London.

There followed the grind around the agents... strange acquaintances. Off Soho—where everyone was a tryer (and anyone who made the grade moved out). A bearded writer slept on her landlady's couch (for nothing). Lin did

his typing (for nothing). And he ate her supper. This was all very well, except that she got pretty hungry herself sometimes. But the ability to make a shilling look like a pound when converted into jewellery, and a pound look like a silver and more upon her back, began to work. But Oh! so slowly—it seemed.

### Keep Plugging

"Broke" and "Beautiful" don't always go together. But by sheer guts she made them get along. There was the ability to control a ravens' hunger until a boyfriend should appear to beg her company at a restaurant—and then to face the menu like a lady and eat from it like a bird.

And there was plenty of ability to keep the boyfriends lining up the lunches. Trouble is—one can't conveniently fit in much more than seven lunches in a week. Manoeuvre don't live on lunch alone—but with seven dinner dates a week thrown in, they can have a go at it.

So poverty and the costly carefree gaiety of London's better restaurants began to go together and to lighten the tedious round of interviews and agents. And a mannequin who keeps plugging, and is soon, exceptionally well dressed by the right people at all kinds of times, stands just a chance of getting noticed when the fashion season begins.

How or by whom we cannot tell, except that these cuttings landed on our desk here in Hongkong this week.

They tell of the end of one battle—the battle for recognition—and the beginning of another, the partly-toothed and crimson clawed polly smothering battle in Mayfair's jungle of fame.

They also tell that eyesight in London is not completely smog-bound. They, over there, can still recognise a beautiful girl when they see one. And after all, Hongkong girls ARE the most beautiful in the world. And for this one, this week, it is TV, and THE QUEEN.

# LIN CHU

Just a Hongkong girl. Nothing much in that. Beautiful. Nothing much in that either. But this one left Hongkong just a year ago... without friends... without contacts... without a fortune.

In Britain she has made the first. She's making the second. And the third is just

around the corner.

Here's what London fashion writers are saying about the dazzling new face from Hongkong which they noticed for the first time among Mattli's beautiful models at the great parade of the London fashion season.

"She has slanting almond eyes, jet black hair, and her name—Lin Chu—means Romance. She is 21 and is modelling clothes for fashion designer Mattli at the spring shows this week. She has a Manchurian father and a Scottish mother, came to England from Hongkong because she says, 'I've been so thin all my life,'

THE NEWS DIARY  
OUT AND ABOUT WITH JOHN CARPENTER  
Lin Chu—her name is Romance

I thought modelling was the only thing I could do," Lin Chu wants to model in Paris and Rome after gaining experience in London—but she likes Englishmen. "They are as polite as Chinese"

\* The overture is over smooth, chic and superbly dressed, before the ex-Outside fashion writers are assembled to see the Spring Mayfair show. Lin Chu is the centre of room. In a few moments she will realise her model. Lin Chu—her name is Romance



## DON'T HATE THE DOG NEXT DOOR—JUST DRUG HIM

By Jennifer Johns

Washington. It was the absence of the "Beware of the Dog!" notice on my neighbour's gate that led me to America's latest four-footed wonder—the tranquillised dog.

My neighbour—justifiably enough as it proved—was shocked at my tentative enquiry.

"But of course he's not dead. We've had him tranquillised. You've never seen such a change in a dog!"

And I hadn't either. From being a foul-tempered mixed-up hunk of irascibility, her bull-terrier had changed into a happy-go-lucky, tickle-me-

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In future, in fact, if you are disturbed in the small hours (at or any hour for that matter) by a noise like the hound of hell itself, you'll know the just developed by the Warner-Chilcott Laboratories in New Jersey.

The drug—Paxital—is a canine version of the "happy pills" which have been tranquillising humans for the last two years.

## THIS TRAMP HAD ONLY ONE HOME

By A. Robertson

THIS story concerns a dog who, out of respect for his memory, should remain anonymous—because he was the willing party to as neat a piece of chicanery as I have heard of in many a long day.

It also concerns a shepherd and two dog-lovers (one an American) whose anonymity will also be preserved—even though the affair happened a long time ago.

The shepherd lived in the north of England, up near the Scottish border, and the dog which belonged to him was quite exceptionally talented, even for a sheep-dog.

The American was a wealthy tourist who heard of the sheepdog's fame while spending part of his vacation in the neighbourhood of its native hills and conceived a notion to purchase it from its owner—only to learn that his interest in the canine was rivalled by a similar desire on the part of a visitor from the South of England.

### Prejudice

Now strangers to the United Kingdom are sometimes surprised by the local prejudices which they find existing, and which can be almost as keen as national patriotism. They learn that a northern Englishman, for example, will frequently tend to "look down his nose" at a compatriot from the south. They may also hear a native of the county of Cornwall, in the south-west, refer to other Englishmen as "foreigners".

A similar state of affairs prevails in Scotland, where a citizen of Glasgow and a citizen of Edinburgh thrown into each other's company may often find it difficult to remain on civil terms.

The shepherd in this instance was decidedly prejudiced in regard to folk from the south. To him, no fellow-countryman born below a vague line drawn across the Midlands of England could hope to be a comparison with one who had the "good fortune" to belong north of that line.

The shepherd was one of those who believe that the acute Angles who settled this fair land more than a thousand years ago made their way upwards from the south, leaving the obtuse ones behind them.

### Value of money

But this shepherd—descendant of the acute Angles—had a keen sense of the value of money, and was a shrewd bargainer. Therefore it was not surprising that when the visiting American and the Englishman from the south offered to buy his dog from him, he set one against the other so that they alternately raised their bids.

What was surprising was his acceptance of the southern Englishman's final offer—which was very substantial, but which was almost doubled by the American in a last desperate attempt to secure possession of the coveted canine.

Some of the local people were especially puzzled by the shepherd's decision, knowing full well that it could not have been taken because he preferred the other Englishman to the American.

The riddle was solved some time after the dog had been carried off to the south of England by his new master. One day, in a quiet valley of the northern hills, an acquaintance saw the shepherd plodding towards him with a familiar figure at his heels—none other than the self-same sheepdog which had figured in the transaction.

### Poor swimmer

"You bought him back?" "Not likely," was the shepherd's reply. "He found his way back. I know he would."

GOOD DOG



## This Funny World

BY THE WAY  
by Beachcomber

THERE was but one subject of conversation everywhere yesterday. How will the new Government act about removing the shanties from the National Gallery and other buildings?

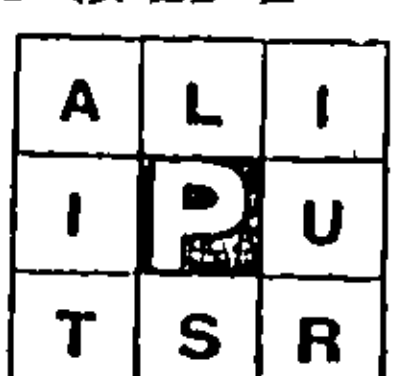
Many keen critics had hoped for a Ministry of Bird Removal, or at any rate, a Committee of Scientists to study not only ways but means. The report that Dr. Strahman (Whom God Preserve) of Ulster was seen in Downing-street early this morning leads one to hope that the sage of Waggling Parva has some new idea up his sleeve, even more daring than the suggestion that the facade of the Gallery should be measured with marine glue.

## Literary conversation

NEWS of yet another intellectual among the film stars

## TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the right, making each word in a different direction? Letters in each of the small squares may be used only once. Each word must contain the large letter in the center square, and be at least one letter longer than the word in the center square. No plurals, no foreign words, no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 27 words, good; 32 words, very good; 38 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.



## Pass, friend

ONE of Mr. Wodehouse's characters asked how he could be mistaken for a veterinary surgeon. The answer was: "Tap your teeth with a pencil and try to smell of iodine." I thought of this when I read of a man who, claiming to be a Post Office employee who had come to inspect a telephone, produced from his overcoat pocket, an old telephone receiver. That proved it.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... by STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

BORN today, you have exceptional qualifications and you must be willing to work hard and make the most of all potentialities. If you are to reach the goal which you have set before you, you must have what you consider a worthwhile objective if you are to expand the proper energy. If you are not interested in your present job, you can be downright lazy about it! Find a better one.

Outwardly, you appear cool and collected, ready to face any emergency or meet any crisis. Inside, you may be boiling with excitement or emotion, but no one will ever know! This discipline of self-control can prove invaluable to you in later life. For despite minor ups and downs and tribulations, you will find that you eventually reach a substantial and satisfying success.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A progressive interest in those who are audacious and know what they want out of life, so make the most of it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Act upon major interests today, especially if they involve your family in relation to the public. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Your best efforts today will effect outstanding rewards. You may reach one major objective now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Concentrate on important objectives and you can make progress along lines that count for a great deal.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—The stars will support you in whatever you may wish to undertake. Don't be sidetracked by anything.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Your welfare is assured. Something important and exciting is bound to happen. Keep your eyes open for it!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Social aspects are excellent. Both public and family interests are in ascendancy. Do what you wish.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Positive and aggressive actions can go a long way toward furthering your major objective at this time.

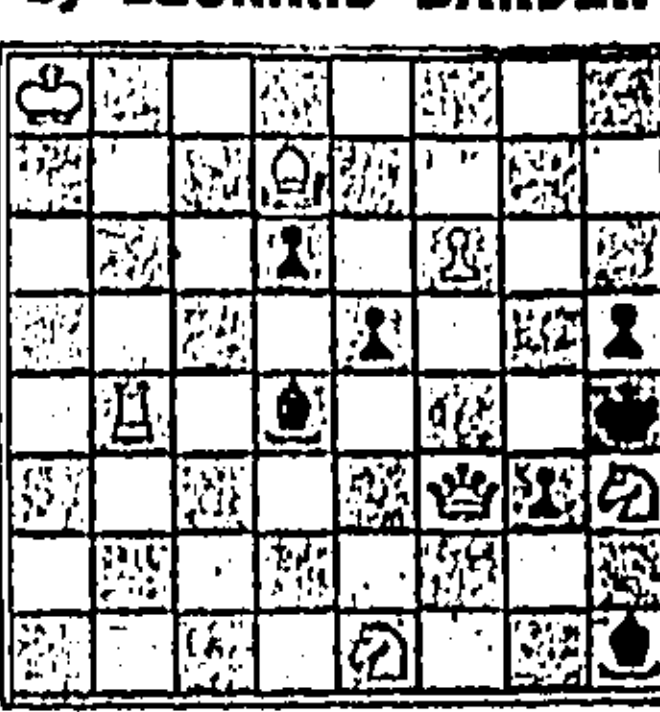
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be early and be sharp! Get going on your job first thing in the morning and you will finish it efficiently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You can be on the profit side now. If in retail merchandising, you should be making good money! SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Take only essentials. Don't be sidetracked by minor details which are not important to your future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—The predictions are favorable. You may also be interested in furthering juvenile interests.

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



A problem by H. W. Bellman (Good Companions, 1920). White mates in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem: 1 QxPch, KxQ; 2 R-Rch, K-Kch; 3 B-Nch, K-R1; 4 B-B mate.

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

## Root Of Evil Is Extra Trick

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE love of extra tricks is the root of much evil in contract bridge. South would have made his game contract in today's hand if he hadn't been greedy.

West opened the nine of hearts, and East took the ace. Recognizing the heart lead as "top of nothing," East shifted to the king of spades.

Declarer won in dummy with the ace of spades and finessed the queen of diamonds. West

NORTH 13		EAST 13	
♠ A 10 9 8 2	♥ A 4	♠ K Q	♥ A 10 8 7 3 2
♦ 8 7 3	♣ A 10 4	♦ K Q 7 3	♣ 10 4
♠ J 8 7 5 3	♥ 9 8 6	♠ A 10 8 7 3 2	♥ K Q 7 3
♦ 9 8 6	♣ K J 10 9 5	♦ K Q 7 3	♣ 10 4
♠ K 2	♥ K J 10 9 5	♠ K J 10 9 5	♥ K J 10 9 5
♦ 8 5 2	♣ K J 10 9 5	♦ 8 5 2	♣ K J 10 9 5

South played a low diamond without any telltale hesitation, and South assumed that his finesse had worked.

Acting on this assumption, South led a club and finessed dummy's ten. This was one fine-tune too many. East won with the queen of clubs, cashed the queen of spades, and then led a diamond. West was sure to get in with the king of diamonds in time to set the contract with the jack of spades.

South made his mistake when he tried for all five diamond tricks. When the first finesse worked, South should have followed with the ace of diamonds. If both opponents followed suit, South could give up one trick to the king. Even if it turned out that East had started with four diamonds, South could get to dummy with the ace of clubs in order to lead a diamond towards his hand. The game would be safe with four diamonds, one spade, two hearts, and two clubs.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass 2 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass 4 N.T. Pass 5 N.T. Pass 6 N.T. Pass 7 N.T. Pass 8 N.T. Pass 9 N.T. Pass 10 N.T. Pass 11 N.T. Pass 12 N.T. Pass 13 N.T. Pass 14 N.T. Pass 15 N.T. Pass 16 N.T. Pass 17 N.T. Pass 18 N.T. Pass 19 N.T. Pass 20 N.T. Pass 21 N.T. Pass 22 N.T. Pass 23 N.T. Pass 24 N.T. Pass 25 N.T. Pass 26 N.T. Pass 27 N.T. Pass 28 N.T. Pass 29 N.T. Pass 30 N.T. Pass 31 N.T. Pass 32 N.T. Pass 33 N.T. Pass 34 N.T. Pass 35 N.T. Pass 36 N.T. Pass 37 N.T. Pass 38 N.T. Pass 39 N.T. Pass 40 N.T. Pass 41 N.T. Pass 42 N.T. Pass 43 N.T. Pass 44 N.T. Pass 45 N.T. Pass 46 N.T. Pass 47 N.T. Pass 48 N.T. Pass 49 N.T. Pass 50 N.T. Pass 51 N.T. Pass 52 N.T. Pass 53 N.T. Pass 54 N.T. Pass 55 N.T. Pass 56 N.T. Pass 57 N.T. Pass 58 N.T. Pass 59 N.T. Pass 60 N.T. Pass 61 N.T. Pass 62 N.T. Pass 63 N.T. Pass 64 N.T. Pass 65 N.T. Pass 66 N.T. Pass 67 N.T. Pass 68 N.T. Pass 69 N.T. Pass 70 N.T. Pass 71 N.T. Pass 72 N.T. Pass 73 N.T. 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# EASTERN 5, THE WEATHER LIMITED EASTERN'S GOAL TALLY TO FIVE

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Had the weatherman been a bit kinder, Eastern could well have scored more than the five goals they crashed past CAA's Chung Cheuk-biu, for throughout this First Division match at Boundary Street the winners dominated the run of play and on those occasions when their forward line missed in front of goal it was not lack of accuracy that stopped them from scoring but the biting cold wind that must have numbed their feet to inactivity.

Little Chu Wing-keung, Eastern's inside-left, is the man who gets the fullest marks for his side's triumph. His ball play—and remember this was a game in which nobody expected any at all, due to the cold spell—was a delight to the eye, and his service to non-stop Ho Ying-fun impeccable. They were the most effective pair in the Tung Fong forward line which went all out for 90 pulsating minutes.

It was Eastern's sound defence that paved the way for the merry forward line to shift into top gear against a side which had a reasonable amount of ball control but lacked the finish to get any goals past Chung Cheuk-biu.

CAA's custodian, Chung Cheuk-biu, though he conceded one short of a half dozen goals, was in very good form indeed. Chung repeatedly warded off the inconstant raids and when the going was tough he saved a couple of certain at point blank range.

But there it is. If you are going to have a battle of the cold, cold weather it will surely go eventually to the side which is warmest and Eastern players certainly kept their circulation working by keeping constantly on the move.

The CAA boys, looking more the threatened team, were beaten by a better side. Yet the margin of Eastern's victory could have been reduced had the Chinese Athletic forward line taken more shots at goal when opportunity came their way.

Frankly, Chinese Athletic were terrible. There was nothing in their attack; their defence was patchy. Ill-conceived and full of loopholes. Against a team who delighted us with their neat, crisp football, all they had to do was running wildly in circles and waiting for the other man to take a shot at goal.

The trouble with CAA was that time and again their forwards—especially Lai Chi-kow—tried to walk the ball in. This played into the hands of Eastern's quick-tackling defence.

enders Lee Ping-nam and Kung Wah-Kit.

## CROWDED GOAL AREA

By contrast, their opponents were largely confined to long-range efforts as the CAA boys drew back to crowd their goal area. Ho Ying-fun, the Eastern right winger, was not only the spearhead of his side but put over many nicely judged high centres that worried goalkeeper Chung Cheuk-biu, while Ma Man-hung showed himself a fine attacking half.

Early in both Cheung Yuk-wai and Lai Chi-kow missed a fine Tang Yee-Kit centre across goal, and even Ho Kiu-chiu came up to test Chung Cheuk-biu, who was having a busy time. From another Ho Kiu-chiu shot he half saved the ball and just managed to clutch it again when it rolled over the crossbar for a corner.

Eastern retaliated with a sudden raid and their steady pressure was rewarded with a goal in the sixth minute when CAA's Hung Yung-yuk was penalised for handling the ball just outside the penalty area. Chu Wing-keung placed the ball out of reach of Chung Cheuk-biu to score.

The next minute Chinese Athletic were under a direct free kick for infringement. Right winger Wong Chee-keung centred effectively for centre-forward Lai Chi-kow to lift the ball just over the crossbar.

The losers had two narrow misses again in the 15th minute. Lai Chi-kow shot right into Chung Cheuk-biu's hands and left winger Kwan Kuen-san's long range shot, which appeared a certain goal, rested on top of the net.

By the 34th minute Eastern showed their true colours. A first-time effort of the boot of Ho Ying-fun saw the ball hitting the net. At the moment they are fifth in the London Combination, but cynically, as Mr Stock was speaking to me they crashed 0-6 at Leicester. Nevertheless, they have won 15 games and drawn five of their 27 matches, and have netted 72 times. Of these local-born Leslie Julian — ex-Wallhamstead Avenue — has obtained 30, yet cannot be found a place in the first team forward line!

When Chinese Athletic returned after the interval they offered only token resistance and their foraging moves, which hitherto were energetic, deteriorated to a point that all they could do was to try and keep the scoreboard figures down. And this they did with some admirable defence.

Wong Tak-fook, Low Kwok-tai and Hau Ching-to each added a goal apiece to give Eastern a five-nil victory.

## THE TEAMS

Eastern: Yung Pui-dor; Lee Ping-nam; Lee Kwok-wah; Kung Wah-Kit; Toledo, Ma Man-hung; Ho Ying-fun, Lo Kwok-tai, Wong Tak-fook, Chu Wing-keung, Hau Ching-to.

CAA: Chung Cheuk-biu; Chang Yui-ko, Tam Woon-cheung; Ho Kai-chiu, Hung Ying-yuk, Tang Yee-Kit; Wong Chee-keung, Tam Kam-moon, Lai Chi-kow, Cheung Yuk-wai, Kwan Kung-san.

## NOTICE

Amendment to Programme of the Ninth (Annual) Race Meeting Season 1956/57

## 1957 PONIES

(Brd Day) Wongseichong Stakes.

(Brd Day) Lusitano Cup.

Entries for the above will NOT be restricted to one race only. Ponies may be entered for either one or both races.

By Order, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

## MATTHEWS THE AGELESS



Blackpool outside-right Stanley Matthews—who has just celebrated his 42nd birthday but is as much of a problem as ever to opposing defenders—duels with Charlton Athletic left-back Syd Ellis (right) during the First Division match at The Valley, London on February 2. Blackpool won 4-2. — Reuterphoto.

## Ground Improvement Is Priority Number One For Leyton Orient

By ARCHIE QUICK

"Leyton Orient are not contemplating buying any players for the next three years." That was the astonishing statement made on the behalf of a newly promoted club by Manager Alec Stock.

Ground improvement is priority No 1, a good young reserve side reason No 2, but overriding them both is lack of finance consequent upon the purchase of a fine new stand when Orient reached Division Two last May.

"First things first," says Mr Stock, and by that he means the completion of a wing of the stand and new terracing. But I cannot help thinking that the ability of those young reserves will be his chief worry. Looking at his present first eleven one cannot escape the fact that they are a team of makeshift. Stan Aldons, Phil McKnight and Strm Williams are not getting any younger, nor are two experienced men on the sidelines, Scottish international Alex Forbes and Percy Blizzard.

Mr Stock — the man who had the courage to give up No. 2 job at the Arsenal because he did not have a free hand — pins his faith on those reserves of his, however and they are doing him proud. At the moment they are fifth in the London Combination, but cynically, as Mr Stock was speaking to me they crashed 0-6 at Leicester. Nevertheless, they have won 15 games and drawn five of their 27 matches, and have netted 72 times. Of these local-born Leslie Julian — ex-Wallhamstead Avenue — has obtained 30, yet cannot be found a place in the first team forward line!

## BIGGEST CURIOSITY

"You live from Saturday to Saturday in my job," said Mr Stock. "Worry never comes. Things go wrong on the field when you are watching behind — the scores business, and vice versa. No matter how good a Board of Directors may be—and there is not a finer one than mine—anxiety is continuous. Results, injuries, the search for new players, finance, the strain never ends. But a manager would not leave the job or the game for all the gold in the world. It is the biggest curiosity of any sport."

Mr Stock said he never regretted giving up the Arsenal appointment and returning to his old love, but he did hint that promotion and the greater publicity, new stand and wider public it has brought with it had destroyed the old intimate family atmosphere at Leyton. He almost seemed wistful for the jolly old days under the antiquated stand. And I must say I did too. Success breeds com-

## CLUB'S BACK LINE WITH A 'NEW LOOK' TAKES IT OUT OF ARMY NORTH

By "PAK LO"

The Club with their New Look back line completely thrashed the Army North side to the tune of 32 points (4 goals, 4 tries) in a wide open game which gave the spectators their full money's worth.

On the other side of the harbour the Police, again with a lot of switches, gave the Navy no end of trouble, and fought until the last whistle. Although they were beaten by 23 points (4 goals, 1 try) to 3 points (1 penalty goal), they made this another interesting game by playing open rugby, while the Navy did the same.

The following game was boring and disappointing by comparison. RAF with a weak back line naturally kept the ball tight, but the Army South instead of following this by opening up the game left it to their forwards, and although they won by 16 points (2 goals, 2 tries) to nil they could have won by astronomical figures had they opened the game up.

## Police v. Navy

The Police started with fourteen men, but Bryan returned up after ten minutes to make up their number. Scott had an excellent game and under his generalship the Police played very well with the three moving as they have not done for ages. The only snag was that the forwards were outlooked and as a result the Police did not get as much of the ball as they needed.

For the Navy, Newton and Lloyd played very well, but Welch did not hit it off with Corner, and the fast covering Police wing forwards gave them both no end of trouble. To start with the Police forwards concentrated on Welsh then, having got him flustered, switched their attacks to Corner, but though they gave Corner a rough time of it he was equal to the task and kept getting his three line moving.

Once he was left alone Welch recovered, but then tried time and again to find an opening when a quick pass would have served him better, and as a result he crowded his wings.

Both full backs had a steady game, and the Police rushes were always a danger, and Kay did not look too happy under pressure but the Police kicked ahead too far and too often and Kay was always well positioned to gather and clear. The Navy backs also did a good job of covering their own wingers, and had they not done so the Police would have scored more often. Against a weaker team than the Navy it would have been no surprise had the Police won.

Later in the game with the Police attacking strongly Lloyd took over from Scott, but he tried to go through on his own and was invariably caught, and never made his back look so dangerous as Scott did.

The Police were unlucky not to score in the first few minutes when Stevens' penalty kick from about 45 yards out hit the crossbar and bounced back into play. Ten minutes later Kay got a chance to convert a nice try scored by Johnson with Newton finding the opening and his kick also hit the crossbar, bounced high into the air, wavered and then fell on the right side of the bar. 5-0. This was the half time score but in the first few minutes of the second half Miller put the Police into the picture again when he converted a penalty about 20 yards from the line. 5-3.

The Navy retaliated and the three moved well, were caught but a long pass was thrown out to Lloyd who whipped through to send Corner over in the corner. The conversion was missed. 8-3.

## THE NEXT SCORE

The next score came in the thirteenth minute when a fast three move from a scrum saw Lloyd cross the line in the corner, and this time Kay converted. 13-3. Not until near the end did the Navy score again for the Police kept them under continual pressure, but eventually the Navy's three moved again and Lloyd got the ball on the Police 25 and whipped through and round to touch down under the posts, Kay converted. 23-3.

## Club v. Army North

Although the Army North were by no means at full strength, not being able to call

on their Hussars and Green Howards, this was not such a weak team as all that but the Club with their new back division made rings round them and fully deserved their win. O'Kelly had a grand game, but was only spasmodically under pressure and an expected cameo into the three to make the extra man.

Penman who had done so well against the Japanese was in ever better form than before, and with Elliott backing him up in the loose made scoring look easy. Valentine has definitely found his proper place at last for he had a grand game behind Steward, while the Club three line elicited and played an open game which thrilled the spectators.

Army North started well but under pressure soon fell away, and as expected failed to feed their wings as they should have done, and although they had plenty of the ball for the first ten minutes could do little with it.

After that period the Club took over, and victory was never in doubt. Under pressure the Army backs fumbled badly, and against the open play of the Club this was a fatal error as they soon found to their cost. After the way in which the Club won it is doubtful if they will make any changes in their backs next week, and to tell the truth it would be rather silly to do so after having found a winning combination.

Penman opened the scoring when he pleted up a loose ball from a loose maul and crashed over for an unconverted try. 3-0.

## THE NEXT TRY

The next try was also Penman's although Elliott went the last few yards to touch down under the posts and O'Kelly converted. 8-0.

Two good three moves produced the next two scores with Stevens going over in the corner for an unconverted try, and then Roberts following up a kick ahead, gathered and scored under the posts. O'Kelly converted. 10-0.

The Army attacked for a short period in the second half, but soon relapsed and in the twelfth minute the defence paralysed when on the defensive as Penman kicked up into the air. Parker fumbled and Penman following up his own kick, gathered and scored near the posts. O'Kelly converted. 19-0.

Next Elliott scored when he gathered an Army fumble and Gault converted, and then Solter, the Club wing three, added another three points with a lovely run, and though tackled he got up quickly and took the ball on with his foot to finally score and Gault again did the needful. 29-0.

Just before time, Cheong who had fitted in well throughout with Roberts suddenly got the ball and erupted through the defence and then sent Elliott over in the final yards. Gault's kick was charged down, so the final score was 32-0.

## RAF v. Army South

The RAF hardly saw the ball at all. This match was completely outplayed by Barker who won 100 per cent of the scrums, and Philipps gave the Army South a three to one superiority in the lineouts. But the Army for some unknown reason were weak and ill when they were helped by Hardy whose passing was weak and ill. None of the three forwards found the attention of the RAF wing forwards sorely trying. The Army three on the whole passed badly, though over the exception and he took some fantastic passes, but by the time he had got the ball to the wings they were also losing. None of the three forwards had a chance at the ball. The RAF's attack, for after all that would have given their forwards a chance at the ball. Read and Cornish of the RAF tackled well, and Gray proved a lower of strength. Riley was dis-

## Two Changes In Ireland's Team Against Scots

Dublin, Feb. 10. The Irish Rugby Union team to play Scotland at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, on February 23 has made two changes from the side beaten by England yesterday.

One of the changes brings in a new "cap" J. L. Brennan for J. O'Donoghue in the front row.

The other is at three-quarter where R. C. Roche takes over right wing with J. O'Reilly and A. C. Pedlow making positional changes to the exclusion of N. H. Brophy who was injured yesterday.

Team: P. J. Berkeley (Lonsdownes), R. E. Roche (Galwegians), A. J. O'Reilly (Old Belvedere), N. J. Henderson (Rifles), (captain), A. C. Pedlow (Queen's University, Belfast), J. W. Kilday (Rifles), A. M. Mulligan (London, Irish), R. G. Wood (Varytown), R. Boe (London, Irish), J. I. Brennan (Clyms), T. E. Reid (London, Irish), J. R. Brady (Clyms), J. S. O'Connor (Dublin University), A. C. O'Sullivan (Galwegians), R. Kavanagh (Wanderers). — China Mail Special.

## Kitchee Opens Tour With A One Nil Win

Manila, Feb. 11. Hongkong's top soccer team, Kitchee, scored an auspicious debut last night by a 1-0 victory over the local "Lightning" Thunderbolts at the rain-soaked Rizal football field.

Held scoreless by Lightning in the first half and hampered by the muddy field, Kitchee managed to win with a swift close-in shot by inside-right Kwok Yau in the third minute of the second half. — France Press.

## Sports Diary

### TODAY

Hamilton Ladies' Doubles: Recreio White v CCC Gold; YWCA v CCC Green; CCC Yellow v CYCA.

Squash Colony Squash Championships at Victoria Barracks courts, 5.30 p.m.

Boxing RN (HIC) 1957 Boxing Championships (Preliminaries) at Missions to Seamen 10 a.m.

### TOMORROW

Squash Colony Squash Championships at Victoria Barracks courts, 5.30 p.m.

Football HKFA Council Meeting, Sports Road 5.45 p.m.

Swimming HKASA Council Meeting, Club Lusitano, top floor 5.30 p.m.

Boxing RN (HIC) 1957 Boxing Championships semi-finals at Missions to Seamen, 7.30 p.m.

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# Norway Prepares For Big Winter Sports Festival Week

By ELIZABETH KITSON

Oslo. Soviet skiers have this year not been invited to compete in Norway's big winter sports festival, the 60th Holmenkollen Ski Week, starting on February 27.

The week, consisting of a series of ski events, with competitions in jumping, cross-country racing, combined jumping and cross-country, downhill, and slalom, is primarily a Norwegian festival. It is regarded as the highlight of the winter sports season by hundreds of skiers from all over Norway.

Entries have, however, been invited from the other Scandinavian countries and Finland, Britain, the United States, Canada, East and West Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The last time that Soviet skiers competed was in 1955 when they entered a big team of 25 men and women, but only won two events, the giant slalom for

women and the 10-kilometre cross-country race for women. The big day of the Holmenkollen Week for Norwegians is the day of the ski-jumping competition, always held on the first Sunday in March, which this year is Sunday, March 3.

Holmenkollen Sunday amounts to a national fête day for the citizens of Oslo, comparable to Bank Holiday or Derby Day in England, or national holidays in other countries. On that day the people of the town stream out in their thousands to walk up the hill above the town and spend the whole day tightly packed round the big Holmenkollen slope.

## BEST OF SPIRITS

The road up the hill is so crowded with gaily-clad spectators that it is almost impossible to drive a car up there on that day. Men, women and children, in gay groups, carry racks and thermos flasks, and cups and newspapers to sit or stand on to keep out the cold. They buy hot sausages, beer and cold mineral waters at the many temporary kiosks set up at the side of the road and join in community singing led by the arena loudspeaker. Everyone is in the best of spirits.

The Royal Family, who have their own grandstand high up beside the jump, are always present, and until his accident in 1955 King Haakon never missed a Holmenkollen Sunday. The elderly King usually spent his Saturday night at the country house which he owns nearby in order to be within easy reach of the jumping next day.

The stands, extended to their present capacity for the 1952 Olympic Winter Games, are built on both sides of the slope and around the "horseshoe" arena where the jumpers land. The average crowd numbers anything up to 100,000 spectators.

The first Holmenkollen jumping competition was held in 1892, when the competitors achieved jumps of 20 metres. Since then, the competition has only twice been cancelled, in 1898 because of lack of snow, and in 1954, because of weather conditions. "But in the years 1941 to 1945, the Holmenkollen Jump is by no means one of the largest at the world. The present record, set up by a Norwegian in 1947, is 71 metres. But it is regarded as a technically difficult jump, and very strict rules must be followed for style assessment, so that the longest jump is not necessarily the winning one. Further, it is used only once a year, on Holmenkollen Sunday, with only a few hours' training permitted two days before for all duly entered competitors.

## TRADITIONAL EVENT

In Norway, it is the ambition of every ski-jumping enthusiast to compete in this now traditional event, but owing to the fact that the jump is not used in any other competition during the season, Norwegians have no advantage over foreign competitors.

Crown Prince Olav, who was an active skier when young, jumped at Holmenkollen in his youth, and it is reported that this was an occasion of severe nervous strain for his mother, the late Queen Maud, who was of course present to watch.

The jump, though difficult, is not regarded as dangerous. Although many falls have been recorded there over the years, there have been no fatal casualties. Spectators often hold their breath as the jumper is seen struggling to retain his balance, falling and tumbling head over heels down the last steep slope. But as often as not he has picked himself up and brushed off the snow as though nothing had happened before the ever-ready first aid teams reach him.

As a precaution, against all eventualities, every competitor is insured by the arrangers for a sum of 3,000 kroner (£150) in case of death, and 20,000 kroner (£1,000) in case of disablement. Apart from the jumping, the Holmenkollen Week includes competitions over 15 and 50 kilometres (9 and 31 miles) cross-country, on a course through the hills surrounding Oslo with start and finish at the foot of the jump. The skiers can also compete for the King's

## READY FOR ACTION



Sanders, the West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper, ready for action as Chelsea players attack during the First Division match at Stamford Bridge, London, on February 2. West Bromwich won 4-2.—Reuterphoto.

## Personally, I Consider Lewis Has Had A Rank, Raw Deal

Says HARRY CARPENTER

Percy Lewis is 29. That's getting on for a fighter. But until a few days ago, Percy, from Trinidad, reckoned his big chance of fame and fortune was, at last, just round the corner. He was lined up to fight for the Empire Featherweight title—with official backing.

Now those same officials are backing out. Percy can't understand it. Neither can I.

Lewis shipped himself here in 1944, joined the RAF and served eight loyal years as a mechanic. He could put bits of aero engines together. He could also take boxes apart. He became one of Britain's best-known international amateurs, and capped his career with ABA titles in 1952 and 1953.

## HARD GRIND

Ignoring "dismal Jimmies," who said "You're too old," Percy turned pro, to seek each night to give his wife and child security.

It's been a hard grind. In nearly four years Lewis had only 11 fights. His clever, soupbay style frightens off opponents.

Just two years ago I saw Lewis give another coloured featherweight, Hogan Kid Bassey, of Nigeria, eight rounds of trouble in Nottingham.

Bassey got the verdict, I still think Lewis won. Lewis continually begged Bassey to give him a return.

But when the little Nigerian won the Empire feather title last year Lewis's manager, Jim Wicks, kicked up such a commotion that authority finally took notice.

## IN VAIN

On January 9 this year Bassey received a letter, signed by Teddy Waltham, Board of Control secretary, it said: "Defend your Empire title against Lewis within three months—or give it up."

This was news Lewis had waited years for. Quickly the fight was signed—by promoter Reg King, who booked it for Nottingham on April 1. The arena was booked, tickets printed, and King laid out more than £1,000.

But all was in vain, for when Sandy Saddler announced his retirement as World Champion, Bassey was immediately included in eliminators to find a new champion.

He is nominated to meet the winner of a March fight.

## FAITHFUL FAN

Surely one of the most faithful football fans in Soccer is Mr Cyril Price, whose club is Newport, but who had not seen the County play at home since 1946 until the Arsenal Cup of Comforter Park. Reason is that he lives in London, but in those past ten years he has seen every match County has played away from home except those in the far West Country. He puts a shilling in a box every time County gains a point, and hands over the money at the end of the season—two shillings, of course, for a win. Been doing that, too, for ten years.

## HART ROYAL IMPRESSES AS NATIONAL TYPE

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

The Spring Double will be the chief attraction for followers of racing during the next seven weeks, and there is every sign that the bookmakers are going to compete for the luckers' custom in a big way.

I have found it pays in regard to the Grand National, to select one's horses before the weights come out and then not to bother too much about the handicap.

Thus, in comparison with last year's weights, Key Royal has gone up more than any other horse, although he finished only fifth.

This should not influence those who fancied Key Royal before they saw the weights, because he has made abnormal improvement this season, and has, in any case only 11b, more than I expected.

## FORMIDABLE

The chances against ESB repeating last year's success are formidable, and I do not intend to include him in any prospective Spring Double wagers.

Sundew, who fell last year, has 31b. more to carry. Freddie Winter has chosen to ride him again, but this big horse does not appear to stay the National course, and I cannot include him in my short list.

As expected, Vincent O'Brien's team has been shown no leniency. Quare Times must be left alone until he is quite fit again.

Mirabile has plenty to do for one with his experience. But he will have his first serious test at Doncaster tomorrow, and after that his chances can be more accurately sized up.

## IMPRESSED

Much Obligated, Glorious Twelfth and Hart Royal, the first three in the Midway Memorial Steeplechase at Sandown, have been handicapped precisely on their running there.

All three are National type, and I was particularly impressed with Hart Royal on that occasion, because he was up with the leaders from start to finish, and was no weakening in the final stages.

Glorious Twelfth completed part of the National course when running second to Key Royal in the Grand Section Steeplechase at Liverpool last November. He was beaten four lengths for which he is allowed 2 lb.

## INEXPERIENCED

On the surface that may not appear very generous, but Glorious Twelfth was still comparatively inexperienced at the time, and he could easily make the greater improvement.

He has proved his stamina and his trainer expects Glorious Twelfth to show even better form when raced over the National distance.

At the moment I prefer Much Obligated to his stable comrade, Gossamer, though Gossamer appears to be recovering from his consistent bad luck.

He will be seen out again at Haydock soon, where he can enhance his National claims.

My present team against the field is Key Royal, Much Obligated, Glorious Twelfth, and Hart Royal.

(London Express Service).

## TUSCON OPEN TOURNEY

### Two Golfers Tie For The Lead In Fourth Round

Tucson, Arizona, Feb. 10. Steady Don Finsterwald and young Don Whitlough fought a fierce battle right down to the final hole today to tie for the lead at the end of the fourth round of the \$15,000 Tucson Open golf tournament.

They will meet in an 18-hole play-off tomorrow.

Finsterwald, second leading money winner in 1956, and Whitlough, who has never won a major tournament, grabbed the lead at the end of nine holes in the final round when Billy Casper Jr. wilted after holding a four-stroke lead.

Finsterwald shot a 68 today while Whitlough had a 67 to give each a 72-hole total of 280—11 under par.

Finsterwald and Whitlough were even on the 17th and then, on the par-five final hole, Whitlough was in trouble when his second shot went into a sand trap. His blast from the trap went over the green into another trap as Finsterwald chipped to within four feet of the pin. However, he missed the putt and Whitlough sank a 13-footer to tie it all up. Casper turned in a five-over-par 75 following three brilliant rounds, to give him a 72-hole of 272, which tied him with John Cleary and Tom Nieporte for fourth-place money.

Joe Zakarian picked up third prize money with a nine under par 27.

## AT CARACAS

Caracas, Feb. 10. Flory van Donck of Belgium won the International Open golf tournament of Venezuela today with a total of 277 strokes for 72 holes.

Roberto de Vicenzo of the Argentine and Joseph Conrad of the United States tied for second place with 278.

Van Donck won US\$2,000.—United Press.

## AT FLORIDA

Miami Beach, Florida, Feb. 10. Faye Crocker of Montevideo, Uruguay, forged from behind with sub-par golf today to beat Patty Berg of St. Andrews, Illinois, by one stroke, for the third consecutive year, to win the \$3,500 Sorbin Women's Open.

The bespectacled golfer seniorita shot a one-under-par 71 for a winning total of 143 for 36 holes.—United Press.

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All members of the Asso-  
ciation are earnestly request-  
ed to attend.

## AGENDA

1. President's address.
2. Adoption of Annual Re-  
port and Accounts.
3. Election of Officers and  
Members of the General  
Committee.
4. Any other Business.

By Order of the General  
Committee,  
H. M. G. FORSGATE,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1957.

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## SCIENCE &amp; ENGINEERING

NEW SHIP-BORNE RADAR  
Novel Features Include An Improved Scanner Unit  
Incorporating A Slotted Waveguide Radiator

A COMPLETELY new model of ship-borne radar equipment was put on the world's markets in September by Kelvin Hughes (Marine), Ltd. Known as the Type 14, the new radar has several features. For instance, the scanner unit incorporates a slotted waveguide radiator which eliminates the necessity for the conventional reflector. The use of this system is claimed to reduce wind resistance and weight considerably, whilst at the same time the electrical characteristics are greatly improved, and sidelobe echoes are eliminated. The transmitter unit, which measures 16 x 15 x 9 in (406 x 381 x 229 mm), is designed for bulkhead or pedestal mounting. The display unit is compact, incorporating a 9-in (229-mm) C.R.T., and is suitable for deckhead, bulkhead or deck pedestal mounting. The angle of view is readily adjustable to suit individual requirements. Five range scales are provided:  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 miles (0.8 to 4.8 km) continuously adjustable, 6, 12, 24, and 48 miles (9.7, 19.3, 38.6 and 77.2 km). Printed wiring techniques are used and all units are quickly removable for servicing or replacement.

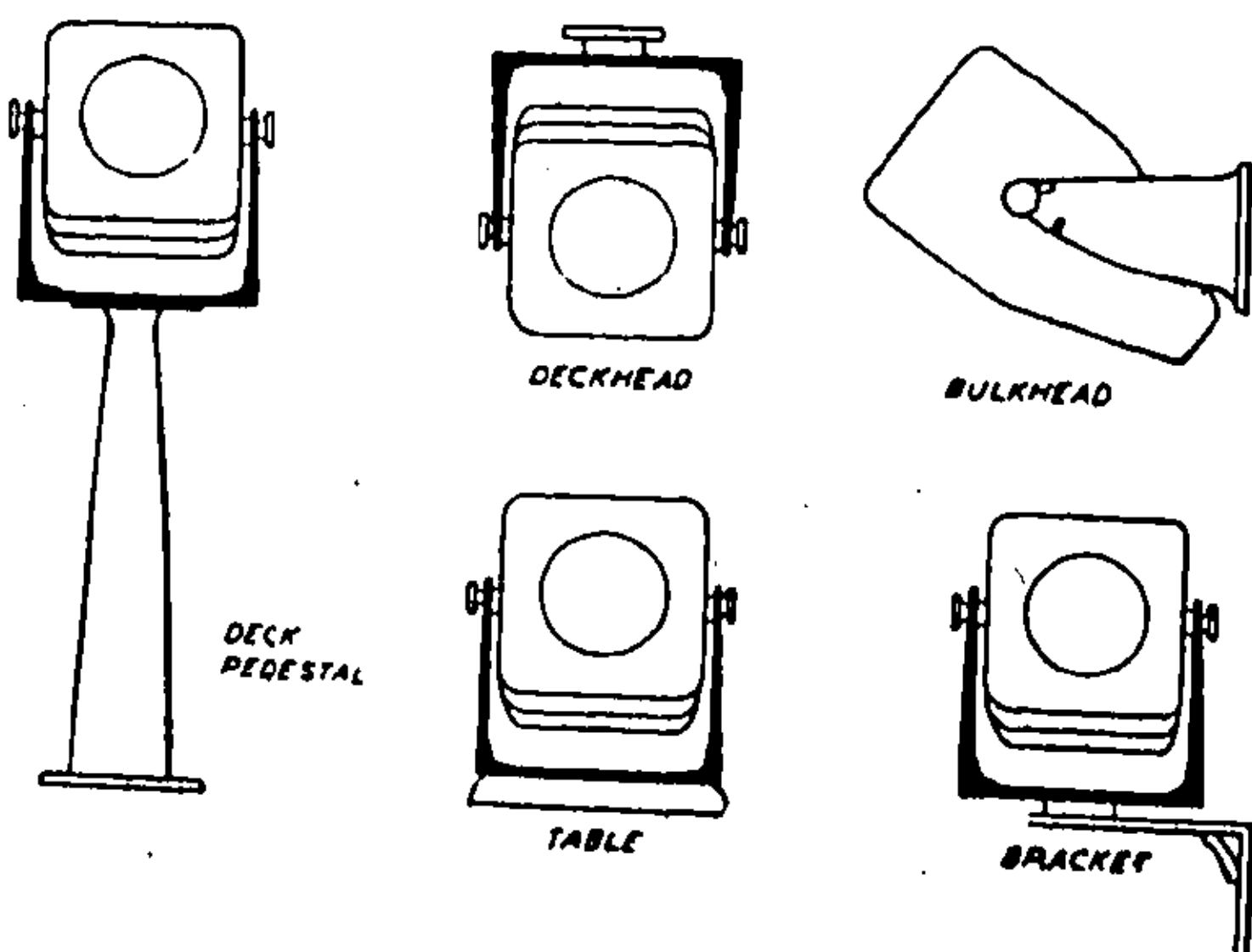
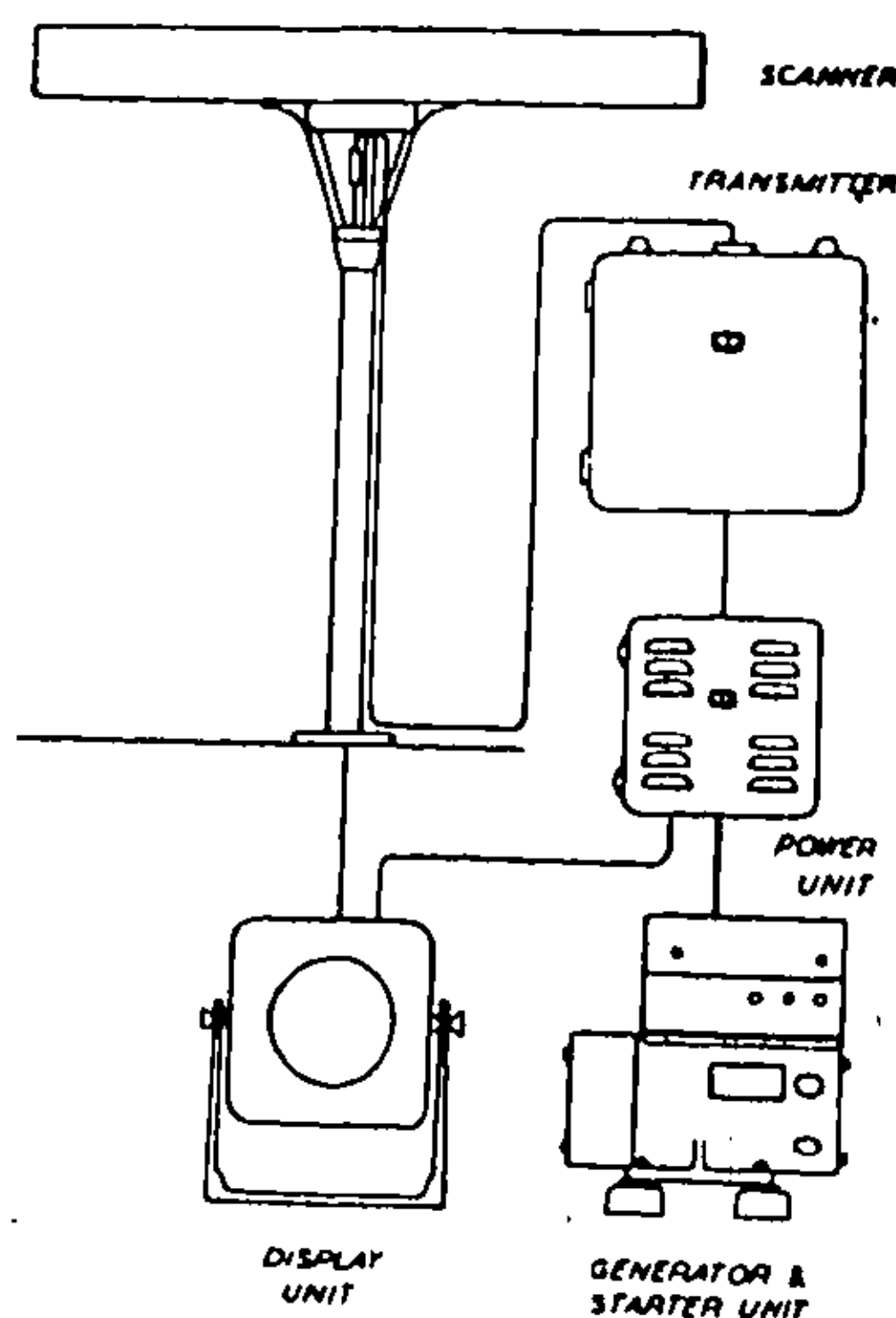
All controls are arranged around the built-in viewing hood and each is provided with an



COMPLETE unit and mounting bracket for deckhead, bulkhead, or deck pedestal. Right: 6-ft end-fed slotted waveguide scanner. At the left: schematic diagram of the complete installation (above); and, below, alternative ways of mounting display unit.

illuminated identification panel. The 9-in (229-mm) C.R.T. used provides an exceptionally bright and sharply-defined P.P.I. display. To obtain optimum results under conditions of clutter, from sea, rain, or snow, a differentiating (F.T.C.) control as well as a swept gain (S.T.C.) control is provided. A variable range marker as well as calibration rings are available for range measurements. The local oscillator-tuning indicator, the range marker dial, and the indication of the range in use are all visible inside the viewing hood.

All power supplies, other than the valve-heater transformers, which are located in each individual unit, are housed in a  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ -in (292 x 292 x 89-mm) power unit and junction box. The start/stop switch, standby switch and aerial control switch are also mounted on this unit. The small motor generator is designed for direct-on-line starting, obviating the conventional starter unit.



## NEW BAND RESAW

A new band resaw, the VHS 48", has recently been introduced by a British firm, Stonnors of Tiverton Ltd, Tiverton, Devon, England, to a specification developed in collaboration with their Swedish agents, A. B. Sigfr. Stenberg and Company, of Nassjö.

The sawing assembly itself has 48-inch pulleys, taking a 54-inch wide saw and is claimed to be of sturdy construction.

The machine can, however, be supplied with heavier sawing units taking 6-inch, 7-inch or 9-inch wide saws, and it can be made in either hand.

Designed specially to deal with wet timber and rough slabs, the VHS 48" incorporates interesting new features in its feeding arrangement, the feedgear being all hydraulic.

Thus, hydraulic motors drive the powerful serrated feed rolls and the four slatted rolls in the fence, while the feed rolls are opened hydraulically and the fence moves hydraulically when being adjusted.

As a result, feed speeds are infinitely variable from 20 to 200 feet per minute, and the operation of both the feed rolls and the fence is stated to be extremely quick and in some respects semi-automatic.

For example, on the feed roll assembly there is a guard plate which is also connected with

the hydraulic opening ram so that when this plate is contacted by a log it instantaneously opens the feed rolls just far enough to admit the log.

Similarly, when a large log follows a small one, the feed rolls are immediately adjusted to take the thicker log. This automatic adjustment of the feed rolls also provides a very important safety feature, since if an operator's arm or clothing were caught by the feed rolls, the pressure of his body against the actuating plate would automatically open the feed rolls to release him.

The first machine of this type has already been sold to a Swedish concern and will shortly be put to work in a new mechanized sawmill.

The manufacturer's claim that it is likely to prove valuable in mills where small and moderate-sized round wet timber is to be cut through and through, but stress that it can also be used as a conventional resaw with a higher output than is usually possible with a standard machine.

NEW MACHINE SHOP FOR  
APPRENTICE TRAINING

At the Witton Engineering Works of The General Electric Co. Ltd the already extensive training facilities have recently been augmented by the establishment of a new machine shop devoted exclusively to the instruction of apprentices.

The building, which occupies an area of 5,500 square feet, is equipped with a selection of the most modern types of machine tools and is staffed by a team of instructors, each one of whom has had long and varied practical production experience.

The object of this new school is to provide all apprentices with training in the fundamentals of general machine shop practice before they enter the production departments of the works.

The school is designed to cater for a total of forty apprentices at any one time.

The course, in addition to providing actual experience in the use of machine tools, also includes a series of complementary lectures.

Emphasis of the training is on the practical aspects of machining and the instruction does not attempt to include the associated theoretical studies. This branch of the subject is completely covered in the Technical College courses which are an integral part of all GEC apprenticeship schemes.

It has frequently been found, however, that the course in the machine shop school presents an ideal opportunity for answering questions arising from the college lectures, and on this basis, a rewarding collaboration has developed between the academic and the practical instructors.

The equipment of the new machine shop is designed to

provide the broadest possible experience in general machine shop practice, and the machine tools installed for this purpose comprise millers, capstan and centre lathes, slotter, shapers, drillers, grinders and borers. In addition a number of automatic and semi-automatic machines are provided in order that trainee machinists may receive more advanced training of such equipment.

The majority of apprentices at Witton will spend a period of twelve weeks in the school, the exceptions being post-graduate apprentices, who will attend for only four weeks, and those trade apprentices who are to become machinists at the end of their training.

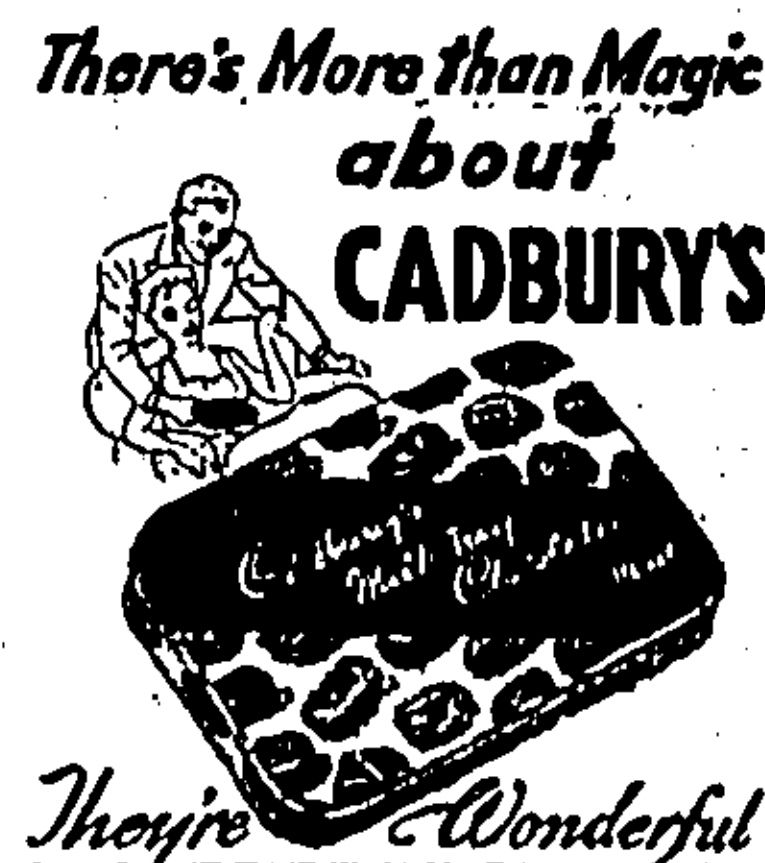
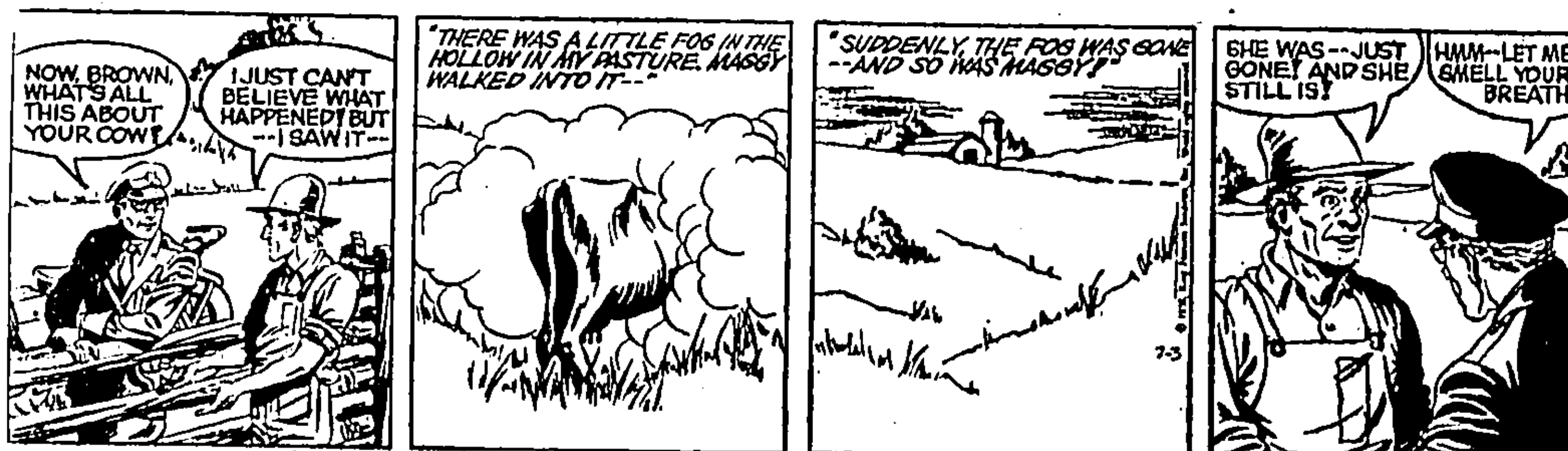
The latter are selected from the class, on a basis of interest and aptitude, at the end of the normal period of training, and they will then spend a further twelve weeks in the school receiving more advanced instruction before entering the works.

These apprentices will also return to the school for a period of one month in each year, until they reach the age of twenty, for more specialised training on those machines in which they are particularly interested.

An additional service offered to machinists takes the form of a refresher course for those returning to the works after completing their National Service.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



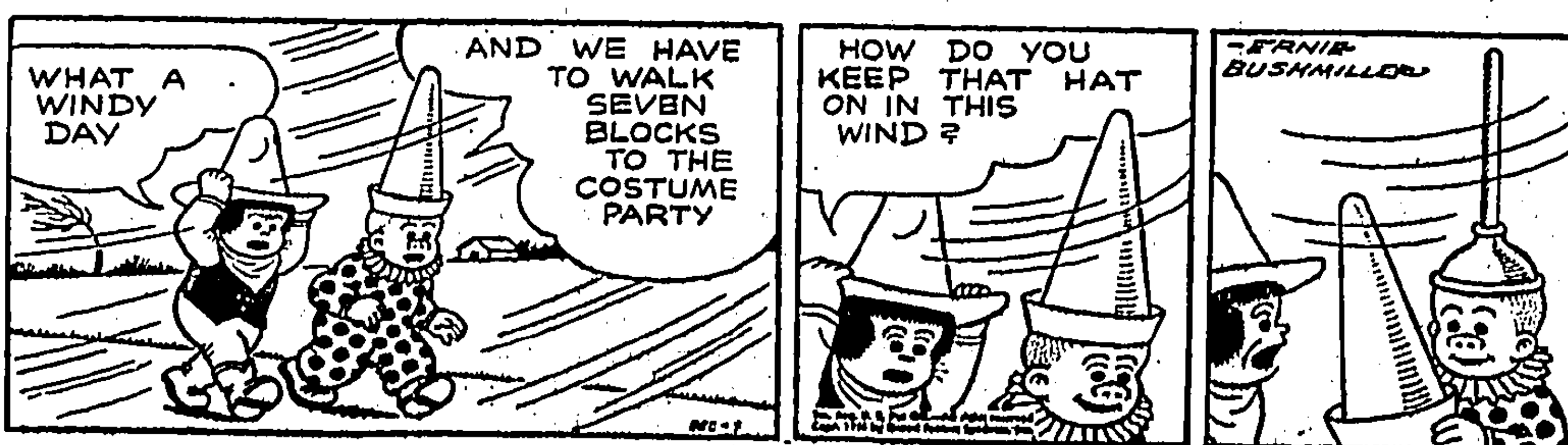
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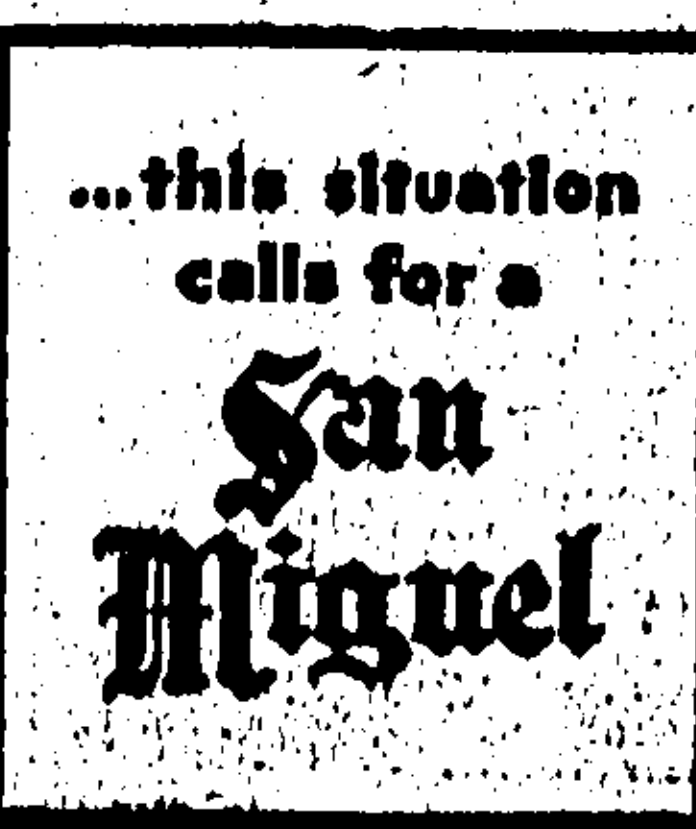
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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## US Business Circles Jolted

## THREE BILLION SLASHED OFF STOCK PRICES

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Feb. 10.

The business mood in the United States was definitely bearish last week.

Business confidence got its biggest jolt in weeks on new fears that the country might be heading for a depression unless something is done to check the inflationary spiral which has been running at a 4 per cent annual rate over the past eight months.

Stock prices turned jittery and some 3 billion in market valuations were shaved off on Tuesday with market averages at their lowest in months on the day. The Dow-Jones industrial average closed the session off 7.23 points, for the biggest one-day loss since November 30. Recent strong issues as steels, metals and aircrafts bore the brunt of the price piling. The market, however, showed strength on Wednesday and recovered slightly.

Backgrounding this pessimistic note were a host of warnings about the whipping government budget of 71.8 billion, "creeping" inflation, the wage price spiral, President Eisenhower, however, best synthesized the bearish mood of the week with a blunt warning that the U.S. Government might have to impose wage and price controls unless business and labor combined to bolster government efforts directed at curtailing a runaway inflation. This

was the third time this year he has spoken sharply on the subject, but never in such strong terms. He reiterated previous plans that management and labor should exercise restraint to keep the price-wage spiral from unsettling the economy.

## Background

Backgrounding these developments were the following: 1. Former President Herbert Hoover, who served during the 1929 depression, reminded the nation that the U.S. was in the midst of a new "inflationary movement." Unless government spending is curtailed, a serious depression could ensue. And Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey recently criticized the proposed 71.8 billion budget, warned of too high taxes.

Only decreased government spending, not increased taxes, could make a general tax cut possible. He spoke of a "hair-curling" depression unless

economies were made. And William Mc. Martin Jr., Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board—the nation's money controller—emphasized the credit curbs are too easy and insisted that a bigger budget surplus would check advances in prices. Senator Margaret Chase Smith, in a major address, echoed sundry other warnings by legislators and economists that the budget contains forces "which if not controlled could set a torch to inflation."

And so it went all week—depression warnings. Washington legislators, according to reports, indicate some support is growing for an economy drive aimed at getting the President's budget—highest in the Republican Congress—passed. The budget is too big and ought to be slashed. There was talk that efforts might be made to cut the budget by about 10 per cent.

Almost at the same time that President Eisenhower directed businessmen and labor blamed each other for the price spirals.

## Brief Filed

The American Federation of Labor and the Congress Industrial Organizations—representing the U.S. labour force—have filed with the joint economic committee conducting hearings on the President's economic report. It insisted there was no need for inflationary danger. They blamed "selective" price increases by price-leading corporations in basic industries as being a general inflation. The government, they said, was too high, the government should ease its tight money policy and spend more money, labour insisted.

The National Association of Manufacturers took an opposite view. It said a similar report that profit margins are too low, that prices have been forced up by rising labour costs that are outpacing gains in productivity. Other expert witnesses echoed the President's appeal for self-discipline restraint of business and labour. Still others insisted that the Government should just take a more active role in the operation of the nation's monetary and credit policies. So far, however, there is no widespread prospect of any wage-price controls. President Eisenhower himself has indicated his reluctance to take such drastic measures. And Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks told a press conference today there is "no discussion in the part of the administration" to impose direct controls in wages and prices.

## Self-Restraint

The Eisenhower Administration, he said, is "against controls, no stress is being made on the subject and no plan is being made to impose such controls." Weeks joined in Eisenhower's appeal for self-restraint by labour and business to curb inflationary pressures, and pointed out that in some industries labour costs are running ahead of productivity and pushing prices up to inflationary levels. He declined to identify the industries.—United Press.

## Japan Raw Cotton Imports

Tokyo, Feb. 10. Japan will import 2,598,000 bales of raw cotton for her spinning mills during fiscal 1957. It was decided today. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry set the figure after consultations with the Japan Cotton Spinners Association. The total figure will include 100,000 bales which will be kept in stock.—United Press.

## NAMESAKES

Answers: T. Vitality, 2 Oils, 8 Pears, 6 Landscapes, 8 Cypresses, 8 Canvases, 7 Stills, 8 Vases, 8 Arles, 10 France, 11 Sketching, 12 Impression, 13 Painting, 14 Brush, Vincent Van Gogh (the painter).—United Press.

## COST OF LIVING RISES

By MAUREEN GOTHLIN

Washington, Feb. 10.

President Eisenhower's warning this past week that inflationary pressures are getting out of hand came while wages and prices are at an all-time high.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics, which keeps close tabs on both, said today the cost of living has increased 18 per cent since the 1947-49 era. In the same period wages of 13 million factory workers have increased 35.5 percent. Their average weekly pay on Dec. 31, 1956, was \$4.05.

All wages rose 15 billion last year, a seven percent jump over 1955, and personal income including wages and salaries, is now at a rate of 333.5 billion a year.

Meantime, what has happened to the cost of living? The B. L. S. said increases in nearly all goods and services have gone up more than the cost of living. Leading the jump are housing, including household operations, and transportation, medical and personal care. Food, clothing and recreation have risen less.

Rents and services also have gone up more than the cost of goods. In some instances, the cost of some foods, household furnishings and some clothing were lower in December than four years ago.

The Bureau's wage-price barometer is based on the fluctuating prices of about 40 basic items which it weighs in its index of gains and losses. It also weighs other goods and services bought by "the average moderate income family."

## PRICE RANGES

The price ranges cited in the following table are averages for Dec. 1949, to December, 1952, (when the inflation began) and by the Korean war had levelled out, and for December 1956: (unit: dollar, base 100 1947-49 average.)

Item	Dec. 1949	Dec. 1952	Dec. 1956
Food	100	100	100
Bread, per lb.	14	102	163
Rib roast, per lb.	697	827	737
Ham, per lb.	512	646	563
Pork chops, per lb.	602	700	760
Beef, per lb.	612	641	613
Most beef, per lb.	612	641	613
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	210	241	249
Eggs, per doz.	470	707	820
Clothing	100	100	100
Men's shirt	3.07	3.55	3.95
Men's wool suit	60.79	61.70	67.01
Men's shoes	12.25	13.70	13.98
Women's dress	3.07	3.31	3.39
Women's shoes	8.02	11.09	10.83
Household	100	100	100
Fuel oil, 100	11.58	13.00	14.03
Gas rates	100	100	100
Percentage increases	0.2%	12.5%	12.5%
Electricity, discounted	3.60	3.69	3.80
100 kWh	1.306	15.02	16.26
Soft coal, per ton	1.306	15.02	16.26
Rent, percentage	100	12.8%	11.2%
Transportation	100	115	100
Travel, per gal.	250	264	304
Went's automobiles, percentage in	100	100	100
Went's cars (Ford, Plymouth and Chevrolet)	100	100	100
Medical Care	100	100	100
Hospital ward room per day	9.34	12.06	15.80
Doctors' call at home	4.37	4.54	5.03
Doctors' office visits	2.08	3.18	3.00
Dental fees	4.13	4.63	5.35
Filling a tooth	4.13	4.63	5.35
Cigarettes, regular size, per pack	10	21	23

## The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Feb. 10. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Jan. 31, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	301,254,000,000
Total other currencies	13,254,000,000
Sign balance abroad	33,017,000,000
Advance to Stability Fund	37,500,000,000
Bank notes in circulation	1,786,079,844,937
Bank notes in circulation	2,048,000,000,380
Current accounts and deposits	140,403,021,092

—United Press.

## The Bank Of England Statement

London, Feb. 10. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Feb. 6, reads as follows:

Total in circulation	£1,140,000,000
Reserve deposits	£1,140,000,000
Government securities	£1,140,000,000
Other securities	£1,140,000,000
Receipts	£1,140,000,000
Payments	£1,140,000,000

—United Press.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$1,170,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Share	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HSK Bank	234	1610	10 @ 1600
East Asia			
INSURANCES			
Union		952 1/2	
SHIPPING			
Wharfedale	6.70	0.80	9175 @ 0.80
			3000 @ 0.80

DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	97		
Dock XH	45 1/2	46	1000 @ 45 1/2
President	13.40	13 1/2	1000 @ 13.40
(O)			500 @ 13.50

LAND, ETC.			
HSK Hotel	18.20	18.40	500 @ 18.30
HSK Land	11 1/2	12	500 @ 11.50
Humphrey			500 @ 10.40
			500 @ 10.50

RUBBER			
Amnia	1.52 1/2	1.57 1/2	5000 @ 1.52 1/2
Trust			34,000 @ 1.55
Utilities			
Train	23.20	23 1/2	100 @ 23.20
Star Ferry	143	144	100 @ 144
Yamutai	103	108	100 @ 103
C. Light (O)	23.10	23.20	900 @ 23.20
Electric	31 1/2	31 1/2	1000 @ 31.50
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Tel. (O)	25.10	25.20	1500 @ 25.40
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## Broths Of Boys

IT was 11 p.m., and in Camden High Street a traffic block was building up to rush-hour proportions. Two policemen went to investigate. They found a tangled scrimmage of men fighting in the roadway. A broth of Irishmen that had boiled over.

The officers went into action. The fight broke up—except for two men, Michael and Dennis, who seemed reluctant to lay down their arms. "Now then," the policeman said.

"Aren't you an abominable nuisance," said the magistrate. "Why don't you go back to Ireland and stop there?"

The two looked at wonder at him. Michael had the last word. He went out shaking his head. "O' don't see that foighting's insulting," he said.

## Soviets Break Oil Embargo

**ALLIES**

DENNIS got up and began to run. Michael gave chase, wielding a strap. Round the corner they started to fight again.

Next morning they stood in the dock at Clerkenwell court, grinning and consulting together like old allies. Both had pleaded not guilty to using insulting behaviour.

The story was told to Mr T. F. Davis, the magistrate. Neither Dennis nor Michael wished to add anything to the official account.

"Have you any witnesses?" they were asked.

**HORSES**

"SURE, there's lot," said Dennis. "but it's no use calling them. It was just a bit of an argument."

"What about?" asked the magistrate.

"Horses, of course," said Michael, as if the idea that there might be other things worth arguing over came as a surprise to him.

The case was found proved. There were previous convictions against both men. One had come out of prison, the other had returned from Ireland, only a week before.

They were fined 40s. with the alternative of a month's gaol.

**OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER**

## New Opera House The Topic Of The Week

From H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 5.

There was really only one topic of conversation last week—the \$3,500,000 proposed Opera House, which may some day be built on the most prominent landmark of Sydney's foreshores.

Designed by a 38-year-old Danish architect—Joern Utzon, he won the \$5,000 first prize in a world-wide competition, and more praise and abuse than any professional man could hope or desire to achieve in many more years of an active lifetime.

The Sydney Morning Herald, which has always been jealous of now it fills its white spaces, devoted practically all of page 2 one day to a selection of letters which had poured in on the offending office staff in a way which must have made them feel that they were getting more work out of this contest than they really should.

**REACTIONS DIFFER**

The tone of the letters ranged from lofty phrases in which the writers spoke of "beautiful lines", "artistic merits", "the shape of things to come", to more down-to-earth remarks such as "a building under full sail", "a badly made tent", "a circus tent in the course of collapse", and the straightforward everyday words such as "ugly", "outlandish", and "monstrous".

Even architects could not agree. One described it as a "masterpiece from a beautiful imagination", while another voted it as an insect with a shell on its back which has crawled out from under a log.

We are not buying into the argument in any way, but there are powerful reasons why all of Australia should be reserved in its judgment.

**THE PROBLEM**

The problem now of course is to find the necessary \$3,500,000 to get to work according to the terms of the competition. If it is not started within two years the architect collects a percentage of the architectural costs that would net him \$35,000.

Moves are afoot to launch a public fund and because it is to be known as the "National" Opera House the Federal Government is to be asked to weigh in.

On the score, however, there are mutterings in Canberra that any "National" Opera House to be erected should be erected in that City, and that the present Liberal Government, not over in love with Mr Cahill's Labour Government, anyway, will not dig very deeply into the petty cash to help out his Opera House plans. There are also being raised queries against the proposed expenditure for this Opera House when so many people are waiting for homes.

Nevertheless, it seems pretty certain it will get to the stage where at least the blueprints can be pigeon-holed, in the same way as the blueprints of the Eastern Suburbs railway, that tunnel under the Harbour, the City Express Highways, and other urgently needed public works, totalling some £140 million, have also been pigeon-holed.

**DOLLY THE PONY**

With so many people being killed on the roads, children being killed and drowned, it is delightful to read this week the story of "Dolly", a pony in the Sydney suburb of Pymble, who was taken to the top floor of a two-storey home by two children who wanted to show it around.

Dolly climbed the 30ft. spiral staircase quite happily, inspected the bedroom, then wandered into the lounge-room where she decided to stay.

Detectives were finally called, and tried everything from sugar to science to move her. Finally they fell back on the old policeman-reserve of brute strength, pushed Dolly from the lounge and out into the lobby where she eventually belted down the stairs, taking the detectives with her.

Publicly, at least, the parents of the two children, Mr and Mrs Arthur Agnlan, make light of the fact that the youngsters took Dolly home. They explained that the two girls are very fond of horses and they just wanted company. The only damage was a few hoof marks on the stairs and the walls where Dolly made her exit.

Sydney is chuckling about the story called the "Baby City".

**SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith**



## Farewell Concert By Chamber Group

Extremely cold weather did not deter a fair-sized audience from turning out to hear the farewell concert of the North Staffordshire Chamber Group, under Bandmaster and Musical Director Leonard Camplin, at the French Convent hall last night. The programme was interesting and well prepared, and gave a welcome opportunity to hear this fine body of players in some of the best examples of classical chamber music for wind combinations.

Mozart's Octet for pairs of oboes, clarinets, horns and bassoons was the first and longest item on the programme. This is a lovely work in five movements of considerable variety. Outstanding in tone, (apart from Mr Camplin himself whose excellent tone has many times been noted) were the first clarinet, Sgt. Saunders, and the first bassoon, Bandmaster. The horn tone was pleasant but a little uncertain. The lyrical third movement contrasted effectively with the sprightly last two movements. The interpretation, performance and ensemble generally ranked as among the best that has been heard here.

**TEN CLARINETS**

Later in the programme, an ensemble of 10 clarinets played an arrangement of the famous movement of Beethoven's "Pathétique" Sonata. While this was efficiently given, with a good round tone, showing how varied the clarinet can be and how wide is its compass, the work itself is not really suitable to such an arrangement; far more acceptable was the Bourée from Handel's "Water Music", in which a bassoon was added to the ten clarinets, giving just a touch of extra strength to the bass. This was a crisp and lively performance of a charming movement.

Mr Camplin, for the first time, gave a group of solos. These were really a delight. There is nothing so striking as the sharp clarity of the solo oboe. The Adagio from Handel's Oboe Concerto No. 3, was given with feeling as well as skill, and the modern Pastoral by Thomas Dunhill was played with rustic. Tchaikovsky's "Canary" is a clever piece of imitative writing, and Mr Camplin's oboe became a bird call. The Handel was the most satisfactory item which gave him the best scope for his fine playing.

**CHAMPION EATER**

Queensland's biggest eater is in Brisbane looking for competition and offering £5 to charity if anyone can out-eat me.

The champion is a 6ft. 2in. 135. 2lb. former chef, Alec McKewin, 42, holidaying from his job as a fencing contractor at Boulton, 1230 miles west of Brisbane.

Mr McKewin says his normal menu is:—

Breakfast—Two pounds of steak and six eggs.

Lunch—Four pounds of corned meat and a loaf of bread.

Dinner—The biggest part of a 7lb. roast, with vegetables and all the trimmings, followed by pudding.

"I drink two pannikins of tea with each meal," he added.

**STOLE CEMENT**

Wong Kam-sul, 36, of no fixed abode, who pleaded guilty to unlawful possession, was bound over in \$100 for one year by Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistrate's court this morning.

On February 8 defendant was seen by a policeman carrying a bag of cement in Des Voeux Road Central.

He was stopped and taken to the police station where he admitted he had stolen the cement from the ship Tai Po Hing.

**RADIO HONGKONG**

H.K.T. 530. Talking about teaching. Lighthouse Magazine (H.K.T. 530). The Schenke due piny Brahms. Hunarian Dances; 6. Time Signal. Programme Summary. 6.30. Gordon (H.K.T. 530). 6.30. Classical Requests presented by Allen (H.K.T. 530). 6.30. Commentary or Stop Press Item: 7.15. Band Call. Stanley Black and his Orchestra: 7.45. Talking about Books. "Spies in Amber" by Anthony Armstrong. "Tales of the River" by Robert H. Spierling. Reviewed by Bill Smyth. 8.15. Memories of the First World War. 8.30. The Frank Chacksfield and his Orchestra: 8.30. BBC Jazz Club. Eric Delaney and his Orchestra (H.K.T. 530). 9.15. News and Home News from Signal. 10.15. Interlude for Music with Bellamy (H.K.T. 530). 10.30. Piano Recital by Yee Hui-chiu. Sonata in F. Op. 10 No. 2 (Schubert); "Walden" from Fantasielücke, Op. 12 (Schumann); "In der Nacht" from Fantasielücke, Op. 12 (Schumann); "Gloire in a Minor" (Op. Post). (Chopin). Toccata (Poulenc); 10.30. Something "Contestant" (Parla); 10.30. Hancock's Half Hour (H.K.T. 530). Tony Hancock with Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Andrew Moll and Kenneth Williams (Repeat last Saturday's broadcast); 10.55. Weather Report; 11. Time Signal. Radio News Item; 11.15. Goodnight Music; 11.30. Close Down.

**REDIFFUSION**

3 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3.30. Musical Mairies; 3.30. Music by Lopez; 4. The Story of the Bottle Castle; 4.15. Tea for Two; 4.30. Strictly Instrumental; 5. Children's Corner—Stories of the Kingdom; 5.30. Monday Requests—Presented by Betty; 5.55. Birthday Mailbag; 6. Musicale; 6.30. 6.30. Another 7-Up Show; 6.45. The House of Peter McDevore; 7. Time Signal and the News; 7.00. Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 7.15. Moment for Monday; 7.25. Eddie Fisher with Axel Stordahl's Orchestra; 7.45. Concert Miniature; 8. Personal Parade—Bonnie Frankau; 8.15. Show Case—Selections from Irving Berlin "Billie Holiday"; 8.30. Time Signal and Home News from Britain; 8.15. Helen Sorenson; 9.30. Monday Concert; 9.30. Time Signal; 9.30. Music (Mozart). Variations on a Theme from Suite No. 3 in D (Tchaikovsky); 10. Music by Andre Koele; 10.15. and his Orchestra; 10.30. One Night Stand; 11. Date with Dreamland; 11.30. Prelude to Midnight; 12 Midnight; "God Save the Queen"; Close Down.

The guest singer was Mr John Bass, who has a pleasant tenor voice, not strong, but suitable to the quiet, straightforward songs he chose. His intonation and enunciation were very good, but there was a slight lack of variety and flexibility. The accompanist was Mr James Kirkham. He, and indeed all the musicians must be complimented on really good performances in spite of obviously cold hands.

Twice before the North Staffordshire Regiment was leaving, but its departure delayed, to the great advantage of

## Two Soldiers On Serious Charges

Two British soldiers, Wallace Victor Black, 20, and John Paynter, 25, charged with robbery with violence and wounding with intent, were this morning remanded three days in Police custody by Mr F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's court for further enquiries.

The defendants, one a driver of the RASC, attached to 33 General Hospital, the other a gunner of the 15 Field Regiment RA, both were alleged on February 9 at the China Fleet Club, to have robbed Ralph Mullins of a wrist watch, and to have used personal violence with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm to him.

No pleas were taken.

## Music Examination Results

Miss Maple Quon, Hongkong Secretary of the Trinity College of Music, London, School Centre for Examinations announces the following results of written examinations held during the year 1956, at her Studio which was appointed a School Centre for Examinations in 1955.

Written examinations for the Licentiate Diploma in Teaching. Principles of Teaching Paper: Miss Ella Chan L.R.S.M.; Miss Nellie Lam L.R.S.M.; Mrs Mary Fleming McAulay L.R.S.M.; A.E.S.M.; Miss Amy Hsu L.R.S.M.

Written examinations for the Associate Diploma in Teaching. Principles of Teaching Paper: Miss Joyce Lee L.R.S.M.

Grade examinations in the Theory of Music: Mr T. L. K. B.S.E. passed with merit; Miss Nellie Lam L.R.S.M. passed with merit; Mr K. P. Cheng passed with merit; Mrs Dorothy Grey Yoder B.A. passed with honours; The Rev. Sister Marie Celine (Sisters of The Immaculate Conception) passed with merit; The Rev. Mother Natalina Guidali (Convent of the Holy Spirit) passed with honours; Miss Rita Ding passed with honours.

## STRIKE CALL IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, Feb. 10.

Leaflets calling for an island-wide 24-hour strike were distributed in Limassol today.

The leaflets were signed by the Political Committee of the rebel EOKA (Union with Greece) group. Details of the strike demands were similar to those for the strike called on Saturday which was widely observed in Limassol.

Trouble is expected in that area tomorrow when a large contingent of British forces, some of them returning from Egypt, will leave for England.

—United Press.

## Mail Notices

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11 By Air**

Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m. Late, 6 p.m.

**By Surface**

Indonesia, 4 p.m. Ceylon, 4 p.m. Philippines, Ceylon, Italy, 4 p.m. Macao, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 By Air**

Peking, Shanghai, Kuning, Hankow, 4 p.m.

Thailand, Cambodia, 5 a.m. Indo-China, France, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m. Philippines, 1 p.m. Guam, U.S.A., 1 p.m. Malaysia, 3 p.m. Formosa, 6 p.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.

Japan, U.S.A., 6 p.m.

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